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FROM THE DESK OF...

Ted & Darlene Paul



As many of you know *CoCo Clipboard Magazine* is now a full time operation. As of July 22nd this magazine is no longer the part time job it has been for the last year. If you had asked me a year ago if we could have made our living from a Color Computer magazine after just one year of publication, I don't think I could have answered "Yes". But with your wonderful support in subscriptions, our advertisers support and the Lord's blessing it has happened. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Over the past year we've tried a number of page layouts and column sizes. We've tried several different approaches to type size, spacing and fonts. We'd love to be fully typeset, but that's a while off yet and while we're waiting I'd appreciate your comments on this issue's column presentation. We've returned to a 10 pitch, but maintained the same column size as the last issue, however we've eliminated the extra spaces between paragraphs. After reviewing what 99% of what other magazines do from paragraph to paragraph we saw they rarely used extra spaces. So we took them out. In their place we went back to 6 lines per inch from the 8 per inch in the last issue. Your comments on these areas would be appreciated.

Tandy held their computer products press conference in Ft. Worth in late July. The press kit that arrived had no mention of anything for the CoCo. Several days later I did receive advanced copies of Tandy's three new computer catalogs. These catalogs are:

1. Regular Computer Products
2. Educational Software
3. Express Order Catalog

The computer catalog does list a number of new games for the CoCo. Some are ROM Paks, one is disk, and they range from CoCo 1, 2, and 3 compatible to CoCo 3 only. No new hardware was announced. We had hoped to see a new RS232 Pak, new Multi-Pak, new 3.5 drives and perhaps a new monochrome RGB monitor for the CoCo. But we didn't and so what I said last issue now goes double: WRITE! WRITE! WRITE! Please give Tandy your thoughts, let them know you'd like updates to software, new hardware, new productivity software, and just about anything else you can think of. We have noticed in countless phone calls and conversations that there is a growing ground swell of disappointment in Tandy's lack of serious support for the CoCo.

Oh sure, the support is better than what they're giving to Model 4 and 6000 users of late because those "business" machines are being overshadowed by the clone units. The CoCo remains as Tandy's only non-PC machine capable of real multitasking, multiuser productivity that doesn't require a small loan from the Federal Reserve to buy! It's a real shame that they have chosen to not support the non-PC market. I'm sure Apple and Atari and Commodore are breathing a LOT easier because Tandy has not taken the 68xxx CPU seriously. The CoCo is their only continuing 68xx entry and could be a real money maker for them in the A/A/C market area if it was only treated with more respect. Up the clock speed if possible, drop in a real RS232 and parallel ports, get OS9 Level II and MultiVue fixed or get rid of them, get a replacement for the MPI and a plug in hard drive system based on any of the several that are on the market today. Better yet, make them all available with the proper drivers, programs etc. and let the buyer decide, and let's get RAM up to 640K! I think that the folks in Ft. Worth are afraid that they will be drawing away business from their PC market. But in fact they are not gaining anything by maintaining this policy because there are thousands of people who can't stand MS-DOS, OS/2 or the 8086, 286 or 386 CPU's and will never set foot in a Radio Shack or Computer Center (with mega \$\$\$ in their pockets). And why? Because they can't find support from America's largest electronic retailer. Those dollars aren't competitive to the PC market, they are complimentary.

In fact it could have been a cool \$72 million complimentary dollars. That number by the way comes from a survey conducted by the editors of Macintosh Business Review Magazine (copyright by VNU Publications September 1988 vol. 1 issue 2). They conducted a survey of the top 50 companies in the U.S.A. to see how many Mac's were being used by these companies. I totaled the numbers and came up with 72,000 units. If you figure a company will spend at least \$1000.00 per Mac installation, that's a lot of dollars not in the till. I'm not saying Tandy should start selling Macintosh computers, or Atari ST's or Amiga's - they should be giving equal billing to their only low cost non PC machine - the CoCo. By giving the CoCo a little more credit and hype Radio Shack doesn't lose out on dollars that will NEVER go to a PC machine. The CoCo can provide, with a few improvements what the non PC customer really wants - the environment

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CoCo 'N Amateur Radio

Mike Dooley KE4PC

Editors Note: This installment of Mike's column tells you how to hook up your CoCo to a Ham Radio. If you have the least doubt as to whether or not you can safely perform this procedure, please get the help of a person experienced in electronics.

Well, it looks as if we've made our first anniversary! That's one whole year of the CoCo Clipboard and we've only just begun to scratch the surface of CoCo's and Amateur Radio.

Recently I came across an interesting Public Domain program for the CoCo. It's written by N6LQV. The program allows the transmission and reception of Radio Teletype using the cassette port of the CoCo.

There is an earlier version of this program by the same author that only allowed operation at 60 WPM (words per minute or 45 baud). This newer version has many enhancements. These include the ability to operate at 60, 67, 75 and 100 WPM. Direct disk access is allowed and there is a Transmit and Receive buffer.

The software comes as two programs. The first is called MAKERTTY.BAS. The purpose of this program is to generate the machine language program RTTY.BIN. After RTTY.BIN has been produced and saved to disk the second program, RTTY.BAS, is used to load and run it.

When the program finishes loading a menu comes up on the screen. This menu has seven selections and looks like this:

**** RTTY TERMINAL PROGRAM ****

	BYTES
SAVE RECEIVE BUFFER	0
PRINT RECEIVE BUFFER	0
SHOW RECEIVE BUFFER	0
->RECEIVE/TRANSMIT	0
LOAD TRANSMIT BUFFER	0
CLEAR ALL BUFFERS	0
BAUD RATE: 45 WPM: 60	0

DURING TRANSMIT/RECEIVE:

BREAK: RETURN TO THIS MENU
CLEAR: TOGGLE RECEIVE/TRANSMIT
RIGHT ARROW: TRANSMIT BUFFER

There is an arrow to the left of RECEIVE/TRANSMIT. The arrow is moved using the up and down arrow keys on your COCO keyboard.

Once the arrow is pointing at the desired selection you simply press the ENTER key.

Before I discuss each selection let's look at the Buffers. There is a Transmit Buffer and a Receive Buffer. If you are in the RECEIVE/TRANSMIT mode anything you receive (see on the screen) is automatically put into the Receive Buffer. The Transmit Buffer is loaded from a disk with information such as your name, location, etc. and can be transmitted by pressing the RIGHT ARROW key on the keyboard.

Notice the column to the right of the menu with the word BYTES at the top? The '0's below the word BYTES tell how much information is stored in each buffer. With this background information let's proceed.

SAVE RECEIVE BUFFER - This selection allows you to save the information in the RECEIVE BUFFER to disk. When you make this selection the program prompts you for a file-name, asks if you're sure, then saves the information.

PRINT RECEIVE BUFFER - This selection prints the RECEIVE BUFFER out the serial port of the COCO. I haven't tried this function and have no idea what baud rate the serial port may be operating at. I assume it is standard Radio Shack (600 baud).

SHOW RECEIVE BUFFER - This one displays the entire buffer on the screen. This allows you to go back over received text in case you forgot a name, callsign or whatever.

RECEIVE/TRANSMIT - Pressing ENTER on this selection allows you to receive and transmit RTTY signals via the cassette port. There is a split screen with the bottom two lines being for transmit (you can type while receiving) and the 13 lines above for receive. The top line is where the tuning indicator is located. The indicator looks like this:

MARK--><--SPACE

When a RTTY signal is received a cursor will bounce back and forth between the words MARK and SPACE (The receiver must be in lower sideband or have a BFO for this to work).

LOAD TRANSMIT BUFFER - This one allows you to load a pre-written piece of text into a buffer. At the appropriate time it can be transmitted using the RIGHT ARROW key.

CLEAR ALL BUFFERS - Just like it says, clear all (receive and transmit) buffers.

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BAUD RATE: 45WPM: 60 - Pressing the ENTER key on this selection allows you to pick the desired baud rate. The software always starts at 60 baud (45 WPM), but other selections include 67 baud (50 WPM), 75 baud (57 WPM) and 100 baud (74 WPM).

Now most of your RTTY signals will be operating at 60 baud, at least in the ham bands. The news services use RTTY to send news and weather information from around the world and they frequently use the higher baud rates. There are publications available that list all known RTTY frequencies and what can be expected there. Once the program is running you'll need to get that old Cassette cable you thought you wouldn't need anymore. Plug it into the cassette Port on the rear of the computer. Connect the Black plug to the receive audio coming from your radio. Turn on the radio and tune in a RTTY signal. Remember, your radio must be capable of receiving lower sideband or have a BFO (Beat Frequency Oscillator) to receive RTTY signals.

To transmit RTTY connect the larger Grey plug to the microphone input of the transmitter (*you must be a licensed Amateur Radio Operator*). The smaller Grey plug is used to key the transmitter. Be careful here. If you're using an older rig you might want to rig some type of relay between the smaller grey connector and the radio. Some of the older transmitters had a fairly high DC potential on the keying line.

A good starting place is in the Twenty Meter Ham Band. Look around 14.080 to 14.1 Mhz. The ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League) also has regularly scheduled transmissions. I've included a table showing the times and frequencies for their RTTY bulletins.

Last, but not least, where can you get these programs? Well, there are at least three ways:

1 - Type in the programs from the listings included here.

2 - Subscribe to the CoCo Clipboard disk service.

3 - Download the programs from Compuserve. They're in the HAMNET Forum in Library 0.

Until next time! 73's de Mike Dooley KE4PC

ARRL WIAW Schedule

UTC	Daily: 0100, 0400, 2200; MTWThF: 1500
EDT	Daily: 6 PM, 9 PM, 12 PM; MTWThF: 11 AM
CDT	Daily: 5 PM, 8 PM, 11 PM; MTWThF: 10 AM
MDT	Daily: 4 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM; MTWThF: 9 AM
PDT	Daily: 3 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM; MTWThF: 8 AM

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5 REM THIS PROGRAM IS PUBLIC DOM
AIN, BY N6LQV
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10 CLEAR 200,&H4000:C=3
20 D=(PEEK(&HC000)=68):REM TAPE:
D=0, DISK: D=-1
30 IF D THEN LOADM"RTTY" ELSE CL
OADM"RTTY"
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40 DEFUSR0=&HE00:DEFUSR1=&HE03
50 DEFUSR2=&HE06:DEFUSR3=&HE09
60 DEFUSR4=&HE0C:DEFUSR5=&HE0F
100 A=USR0(0):R=0:T=0
110 CLS:AUDIO ON:MOTOR OFF
120 PRINT"**** RTTY TERMINAL PRO
GRAM ****"
130 PRINT"
    BYTES"
140 PRINT"    SAVE RECEIVE BUFFER
    ";R
150 PRINT"    PRINT    ,,
160 PRINT"    SHOW    ,,
170 PRINT"    RECEIVE/TRANSMIT"
180 PRINT"    LOAD TRANSMIT BUFFER
    ";T
190 PRINT"    CLEAR ALL BUFFERS"
200 PRINT"    BAUD RATE: ";
210 ON B+1 GOTO 220,230,240,250
220 PRINT"45 WPM: 60":GOTO 260
230 PRINT"50 WPM: 67":GOTO 260
240 PRINT"57 WPM: 75":GOTO 260
250 PRINT"74 WPM: 100":GOTO 260
260 PRINT
270 PRINT"DURING RECEIVE/TRANSMI
T:"
280 PRINT" BREAK: RETURN TO THIS
    MENU"
290 PRINT" CLEAR: TOGGLE RECEIVE
/TRANSMIT"
300 PRINT" RIGHT ARROW: TRANSMIT
    BUFFER";
310 A=C*32:PRINT@A+32," ":";PRIN
T@A+64,"->";:PRINT@A+96," ":";
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Tyranny of Compatibility

Rush Caley

It was a phone conversation that finally pushed me over the brink of my long standing position of disinterest toward discussions involving hardware comparisons. I had been speaking with another long time CoCo enthusiast about various topics. He spent a great deal of time telling me of the limitations of the CoCo and praising the power and wonder of his sleek new PC and a new relational database program. He had outgrown his CoCo - no way could it compete. The balance of the his conversation revolved around the importance of "compatibility" in today's business world. When I hung up the phone, I was frustrated and even a bit angry. I still feel that way; so naturally I was pleased when CoCo Clipboard provided the opportunity to vent some steam.

But this will not be a typical "I-love-my-CoCo" type of article. I will not go on and on about how the CoCo serves my needs and its ease of use or less expensive software. Face it, in many cases, we don't even have the pricing "leg" to stand on any more. I will not be discussing Intel and Motorola microchip architecture; nor will I go over the tired old comparisons between IBM and CoCo, or MS-DOS versus OS-9. These have been summarized many times by technicians much more knowledgeable than I.

What this is about is the subject known to all of us as "IBM Compatibility." I cannot count the number of times that I have heard prospective computer purchasers admit that they do not know exactly what they want-or even need. But one thing about which they are positive, is that it must be IBM compatible. In many cases, they may not even know what the term means! Well, as you know, all this amounts to is that the machine must operate under MS-DOS and run all of the popular pieces of DOS software that have become standards in the business community. But this is not a problem! The fact that this DOS and these programs are so popular does not bother me at all. Competition in the marketplace is what makes America tick.

What does irk me is the implication that I cannot enjoy any real measure of success if I do not utilize the "standard". Now I am not talking about the "you can't get the girl if you don't drive a" type of advertising gimmick. There is much more than a Cadillac/Chevy type of snobbery lurking here. If that were the case, anyone with any sense of

individuality would ignore it. I could. You could. Do we all use Dial soap? No. Do we all drink Coca-Cola? No. And so on.

But there is an ideological tyranny being set up here - skulking in the background and forming a perimeter around our freedom of choice! The technique is called BANDWAGON. And it is a particularly insidious form of propaganda. When properly used, it can even be unknowingly self-inflicted. ("Well, I'm not sure, Mr. Salesperson, but it has to be IBM compatible.") But I must repeat- I am NOT against the IBM PC or the company itself. What I AM against is this slavery to the concept of compatibility- of ANY kind! First it is "nice" to be compatible; then it becomes "fashionable"; next we "ought" to be compatible; and finally, we "must" be compatible.

Let me just throw out some realities. I don't care how many businesses out there use computers. For every one that does, there are at least twenty that do not. Of the ones that do, many do it badly or inefficiently. We have come a way in the last five years or so; but we're not where some might think. Computers are not every day toaster-like appliances in the office or in the home. There is a long way to go. The market has only been scratched on the surface in terms of numbers; and barely even that when it comes to the relation between capability and actual use. The "paperless" society is a forever away, and maybe even then, still someone's pipedream. This is the encouraging news! There's still time to avoid mass conformity!

I have used electronic mail since 1983 and never felt the need to be compatible. I ran a large Parish and School for 3 years on a CoCo and three programs. Not once did I need to be compatible. I have written every piece of personal correspondence and magazine article since 1981 on a CoCo ...sans compatibility. I keep all my business and personal records on my CoCo. Never once has anyone ever convinced me I need to be compatible. I don't care what computer you use or like. If your TI still works, fine. If your Sinclair continues to hum, all the better. If your Epson QX 10 and Valdocs interface suits you, perfect! Even if your dream is a spanking new IBM/ OS-2/ 386 monster, I have no quarrel.

It is simple. When the push for compatibility reaches the fever pitch it has

today, then it is no longer compatibility, it is CONFORMITY. Let's take a look at it from the eyes of my electronic thesaurus. I punched in the letters C-O-N-F-O-R-M. Following are the synonyms regurgitated at the touch of a button:

REGULATE, SUBMIT, COMPLY, OBEY, FOLLOW, STANDARDIZE, MIND, SHAPE, FIT IN, COALESCE.

Face it! even a dumb machine knows all the negative connotations of the "C-Word". How much more aware should we be? We, who not only know the mere "book meanings", but also the living realities in the past and present that we can attach to words such as those?

If you are still reading this and have not written me off as another paranoid-schizo-survivalist from the northwest, I end my tirade on this note. In the 40's and 50's people feared computers and the spectre of Orwell's 1984. The reason that picture has been held at bay is due to the invention and proliferation of the PERSONAL COMPUTER! There are many countries less fortunate than ours where personal computers are less prevalent than guns, and both are illegal possessions. My hope is that no matter what computer we choose to purchase in our free, competitive market, that we all maintain the desire, and the right to keep personal computers exactly that: personal! The CoCo is one of the most personal of all computers while still very powerful. C'mon forget the "C-word" and have some fun!

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350 FOR I=0 TO 30:NEXT
360 A$=INKEY$
370 IF C>0 AND (PEEK(341) AND 8)
=0 THEN C=C-1:GOTO 310
380 IF C<6 AND (PEEK(342) AND 8)
=0 THEN C=C+1:GOTO 310
390 IF A$<>CHR$(13) THEN 360
400 ON C+1 GOTO 800,500,550,600,
700,100,950
500 IF (PEEK(&HFF22)AND1) THEN 1
10
510 A=USR5(-2):PRINT"      ":GOTO 1
10
550 CLS:A=USR5(0)
560 IF INKEY$="" THEN 560 ELSE 1
10
600 CLS:PRINT"RTTY RECEIVE      M
ARK-->--SPACE":R=USR1(B):GOTO 1
10
700 S$="LOAD FILE":GOSUB 900
710 IF A$="" AND D THEN 110
720 CLS:PRINT@229,"LOADING ";A$
730 IF D THEN F=1 ELSE F=-1
740 OPEN"1",F,A$:A=USR2(0)
750 IF EOF(F) THEN 790
760 LINEINPUT #F,A$
770 A$=A$+CHR$(13):A=USR3(A$)
780 IF A THEN 750
790 CLOSE F:T=USR4(0):R=0:GOTO 1
10
800 IF R=0 THEN 110
810 S$="SAVE FILE":GOSUB 900:IF
A$="" THEN 110
830 CLS:PRINT@229,"SAVING ";A$
840 IF D THEN F=1 ELSE F=-1:GOTO
870
850 PRINT@293,"ARE YOU SURE (Y/N
)":INPUT S$
860 IF S$<>"Y" THEN 110
870 PRINT@293,"":OPEN"O",F,A$
880 A=USR5(F):CLOSE F:GOTO 110
900 CLS:PRINTS$:PRINT
910 LINEINPUT"FILENAME?";A$
920 RETURN
950 B=B+1:IF B>3 THEN B=0
960 PRINT@269,"":GOTO 210
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Shell

OS9: xmode /w8 type=0
OS9: init /w8
OS9: rnb exec/wd 8
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OK
LOAD "DEMO"
OK
LIST
10 PMODE 4:SCREEN 1,1
20 X=RND(255)-1:Y=RND(192)-1
30 X5=RND(256-X)-1:Y5=RND(192-Y)-1
40 LINE (X,Y)-(X5,Y5),PSET,BF



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Deluxe PowerGraph Pt. II

Randy Krippner

In this issue we conclude Deluxe Power Graph. It's been a lot of fun working on this program, and I'd like to thank everyone who helped with the development of the program, especially Bob van der Poel. His suggestions early in the development of DPG made it a much more interesting program.

If you find the prospect of typing the entire listing intimidating, you can get a copy of DPG on disk for \$9.95 from CCMDisk Service. Just write to them and order the Clip Disk for July/August. Please don't write to me requesting disk copies of the program. I'm sorry, but I just don't have the time or the resources.

Several people have asked about enhancing DPG. I have several enhancements in mind for the program. One enhancement, an "Undo" function, has already been developed. (People who get the ClipDisk will obtain the latest version of the program, including the Undo function. This enhancement was added too late to be able to get it in the magazine, but we were able to get it on the ClipDisk version.)

Adding other features to DPG is not easy. The program is just about "maxed out" as far as memory is concerned. The maximum size DPG can have is about 24K, and it is pretty close to that already.

Why, I hear someone asking, can the program only be 24K long when Basic09 gives us about 40K + to play with? You have to remember that part of that free memory is taken up by the GFX2, Inkey and Syscall modules. The rest of that free memory is eaten up by the graphics buffers used to save/load pictures and by the cut and paste buffer. But there are a few little tricks that can be used to get around this difficulty.

If you want to tinker with the program on your own, here's a little hint for you... Although DPG is maxed out, there is nothing to prevent you from setting up a utility program in another window. Remember, the Coco 3 is a multi-processing, multi-user computer under OS9 L2. We could have another program chock full of DPG utilities running in another window, and switch back and forth just by pressing the CLEAR key to switch windows.

What makes this possible is not just the fact that OS9 L2 is a multi-processing operating system, but also that OS9 L2 graphics buffers are system wide. This means that, for example, once you "cut" a portion of a picture and place it in the cut/paste buffer with

DPG, that graphics buffer can be accessed by a different program running in a different window. So after doing a "cut", we could flip to a new window that is running a utility program, somehow modify the contents of the buffer with the utility, flip back to DPG and then paste the modified buffer back into our picture.

Bugs: Well, not exactly a bug. Let's call it a quirk. You can't PACK DPG. Well, you can, but it won't work right. Everything will work until you try to save or load a picture. It will go through the motions, but in actual fact nothing will be saved to disk.

So don't try to PACK the program. You'll have to execute it from within Basic09. If someone comes up with a quick fix for this, I'll pass it along.

The Unicorn: I've been mentioning the Unicorn BBS in the past. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Unicorn is currently down. By the time you read this, it should be back on-line, but operating at a different phone number. As soon as I know what the new number is, I'll mention it in a future column.

Next time we'll take a look at Multi-Vue. It's an interesting piece of software, but Tandy and Microware failed to provide a way to make new Multi-Vue icons. So next time we'll present a Basic09 program that not only permits the creation of new icons, but which will also automatically generate AIFs (application information files).

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please write to me at: Randy Krippner, 1014 W. Hwy. 114, Lot 39, Hilbert WI 54129.

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0109 ENDIF UNTIL b2<>0
010B RUN gfx2("owend")
0116 END
0123 PROCEDURE TxtFunc
0000 PARAM trans,bold,rev:INTEGER
000F DIM x{3}:INTEGER; b1,b2:BYTE
0028 DIM s{3}:INTEGER; t{3}:STRING[13]
0044 s(1)=rev;s(2)=bold;\$s(3)=trans
0065 RUN gfx2("owset",1,11,6,18,7,2,0)
0087 RUN wsset{3}
008F RUN gfx2("curxy",1,0)
00A2 RUN gfx2("revon")
00AF PRINT "TEXT OPTIONS ";
00C2 RUN gfx2("revoff")
00D0 FOR count=1 TO 3
00E0 READ t(count)
00E9 RUN gfx2("curxy",1,count+1)
0100 IF s(count)<>0 THEN
010F RUN gfx2("revon")
011C PRINT t(count);
0125 RUN gfx2("revoff")
0133 ELSE
0137 PRINT t(count);
0140 ENDIF
0142 NEXT count
0144 REPEAT
014F RUN readmouse(x,y,b1,b2)
0168 IF b1<>0 THEN
0174 RUN convert(x,y)
0183 y=y-1
01A1 IF s(y)=0 THEN
01B0 s(y)=1
01BB RUN gfx2("revon")
01C8 RUN gfx2("curxy",1,y+1)
01DF PRINT t(y);
01EB RUN gfx2("revoff")
01F6 ELSE
01FA s(y)=0
0205 RUN gfx2("curxy",1,y+1)
021C PRINT t(y);
0225 ENDIF
0227 ENDIF
0229 UNTIL b2<>0
0236 trans=s(3)\bold=s(2) \rev=s(1)
0254 RUN gfx2("owend")
0261 END
0263 DATA "Reverse Video", "Bold Face", "Transparent"
0000 PROCEDURE DskFunc
000C PARAM pal(16):BYTE
000F DIM x,y:INTEGER; b1,b2:BYTE
0025 DIM t:STRING[6]; file:STRING[30]
003C RUN gfx2("owset",1,18,1,10,7,2,0)
005F RUN wsset{3}
0066 RUN gfx2("curxy",1,0)
0079 RUN gfx2("revon")
0086 PRINT "DISK";
0091 RUN gfx2("revoff")
009F FOR count=1 TO 3
00A4 READ t
00B4 RUN gfx2("curxy",1,count+1)
00CB PRINT t;
00D1 NEXT count
00DC REPEAT

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TYPE registers: a,b,dp:BYTE; x,y,u:INTEGER
DIM registers,count,path:INTEGER
OPEN #path,file:READ
GET #path,pa
FOR count=1 TO 16
  RUN gfx2("palette",count-1,pal(count))
NEXT count
FOR count=0 TO 3
  RUN gfx2("get",201,0,count*48+319,48)
  reg.s.a=1\regs.b=$84\regs.x=$1401\regs.y=1
  RUN syscall($8E,regs)
  reg.s.a=path
  RUN syscall($89,regs)
  RUN gfx2("put",201,0,count*48)
  reg.s.a=1\regs.b=$84\regs.x=$1401\regs.y=0
  RUN syscall($8E,regs)
  RUN gfx2("killbuff",20,1)
NEXT count
RUN duarrow
CLOSE #path
END
ENO=ERR
RUN oops(ENO)
GOTO 20
01A7
01B2
01B6 20
01BC 100
01CA
01D4
PROCEDURE SavePic
 0000  PARAM file:STRING[30]; pal(16):BYTE
 0017  DIM ppt:STRING[13]; yes:BOOLEAN
 0029  DIM enum:INTEGER
 0030  ON ERROR GOTO 100
 0036  RUN duwait
 003A  TYPE registers=cc,a,b,dp:BYTE; x,y,u:INTEGER
 003F  DIM regs:registers; count,path:INTEGER
 004F  CREATE #path:FILE
 005F  PUT #path,pa
 0072  FOR count=0 TO 3
    RUN gfx2("get",201,0,count*48+319,48)
    reg.s.a=1\regs.b=$84\regs.x=$1401\regs.y=1
    RUN syscall($8E,regs)
    reg.s.a=path
    RUN syscall($8A,regs)
    reg.s.a=1\regs.b=$84\regs.x=$1401\regs.y=0
    RUN syscall($8E,regs)
    RUN gfx2("killbuff",20,1)
NEXT count
CLOSE #path
RUN duarrow
END
ENO=ERR
IF enum=218 THEN
  ppt="Re-Write?"
  RUN yesno(ppt,yes)
  IF yes THEN
    SHELL "+file"
    GOTO 10
  ELSE
    GOTO 20
  ENDIF
ENDIF
RUN oops(ENO)
GOTO 20
01E2
PROCEDURE DuWait
 0000  RUN gfx2("gcset",202,4) \
 0001  PROCEDURE Du1
    0000  RUN gfx2("gcbet",202,5)
    0013  END
 0002  PROCEDURE ChgCir
    0000  PARAM color,x,y:INTEGER
      0000  IF x<22 OR x>37 THEN
        001E  ELSE
          0024  color=x-22
        002F  ENDIF
      0031  END
      0032  ChgPat
      0033  PARAM x,pal:INTEGER
        0000  IF x<11 OR x>20 THEN
          001E  ELSE
            0020  x=x-12
            0021  pal=x
          0022  IF pal<0 OR pal>8 THEN pat=0 \ ENDIF
        0023  ENDIF
      0024  END
      0025  main
        0000  tool(color,pal,brush,x,y,bufx,bufy,bstat:INTEGER
        0027  pal[16]:BYTE
        0033  trans,bold,rev,ctrl1:INTEGER
        0046  needenum,done,yes:BOOLEAN
        0055  tool=1\color=2\pat=0\bbrush=100
        0060  trans=0\bold=0\rev=0
        0088  bstat=0\bufx=0\bufy=0
        009D  needenum=FALSE\yes=FALSE
        00B2  done=FALSE
        00C4  RUN setmouse(pa1)
        00C5  RUN gfx2("clear")
        00E6  RUN enum{color,pat,brush}
        REPEAT
        IF needenum THEN
          RUN enum{color,pat,brush}
        needenum=FALSE
        ENDIF
        ENDIF
        00F1  RUN readhouse(x,y,b1,b2)
        0116  IF b1<>0 THEN
          RUN convert(x,y)
          RUN curstats(color,pat,brush)
        012F  IF ctrl1<>0 THEN
          ON ctrl GOSUB 10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90
        014A  ENDIF
        015E  UNTIL done
        016A  needenum=FALSE
        0199  RUN toolenum(tool)
        01A1  RETURN
        01AE  needenum=TRUE
        01B4  RETURN
        01B6  20
        01DC  needenum=FALSE
        01E2  RUN curstats(color,pat,brush)
        01F6  RETURN
        01F8  30
        020F  needenum=TRUE
        0215  RETURN
        0217  40
        0224  RUN dskfunc(pal)
        022A  RETURN
        022C  50
        023C  needenum=TRUE
        0264  RETURN
        026C  60
        0282  RUN yesno(ppt,yes)
      ENDIF
  END
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 01BC
 01C8
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 01D0
 01D4
 01D6
 01D8
 01E2
  PROCEDURE DuWait
    0000  RUN gfx2("owend")
    0001  RUN dufunc(tool,color,trans,bold,rev,pat,brush)
    0002  needenum=TRUE
    0003  RETURN
    0004  ppt="Really Clear"
    0005  RUN yesno(ppt,yes)
  END

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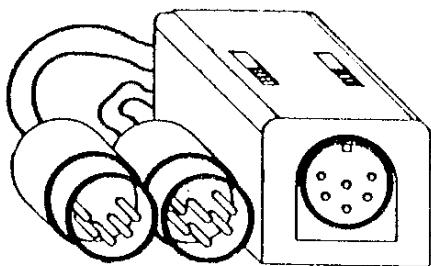
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0291 IF Yes THEN
0292   RUN gfx2("bar",0,8,319,12)
0293   RUN gfx2("owend")
0294   needenu=FALSE
0295 ENDIF
0296 RETURN
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PROCEDURE toolmenu
 0000  PARAM tool:INTEGER
 0001    DIM x,y,count:INTEGER; b1,b2:BYTE
 0002    DIM t:STRING[6]
 0003    RUN gfix2("owset",1,0,0,11,12,2,0)
 0004    RUN wset(3)
 0005    RUN gfix2("curvy",1,0)
 0006    RUN gfix2("revon")
 0007    PRINT "TOOLS"
 0008    REPAT
 0009    RUN gfix2("revoff")
 0010    RESTORE
 0011    FOR count=1 TO 8
 0012      READ y,t
 0013      RUN gfix2("curvy",1,y)
 0014      IF count=tool THEN
 0015        RUN gfix2("revcn")
 0016        PRINT t
 0017        RUN gfix2("revofz")
 0018      ELSE
 0019        PRINT t;
 0020      ENDIF
 0021    NEXT count
 0022    REPEAT
 0023      RUN readmouse(x,y,b1,b2)
 0024      UNTIL b1<>0 OR b2<>0
 0025      IF b1<>0 THEN
 0026        RUN convert(x,y)
 0027        IF y>1 AND y<10 THEN
 0028          tool=y-1
 0029        ENDIF
 0030      ENDIF
 0031      UNTIL b2<>0
 0032      RUN gfix2("owend")
 0033    END
 0034    DATA 2,"Point",3,"Line",4,"Box",5,"Bar",
 0035    DATA 6,"Circle",7,"Ellipse",8,"Fill",9,"Text"
 0036  PROCEDURE bufmenu
 0037    PARAM buf,xf,bufy,bstat:INTEGER
 0038    DIM x,y,count:INTEGER; b1,b2:BYTE
 0039    DIM t:STRING[6]
 0040    RUN gfix2("owset",1,11,1,12,8,2,0)
 0041    RUN wset(3)
 0042    RUN gfix2("curvy",1,0)
 0043    RUN gfix2("revon")
 0044    PRINT "BUFFER"
 0045    REPAT
 0046    RUN gfix2("revoff")
 0047    FOR count=1 TO 4
 0048      READ t
 0049      RUN gfix2("curvy",1,count+1)
 0050      PRINT t;
 0051    NEXT count
 0052    REPAT
 0053    RUN readmouse(x,y,b1,b2)
 0054    UNTIL b1<>0 OR b2<>0
 0055    RUN gfix2("owend")
 0056    RUN convert(x,y)
 0057    IF b2<>0 OR y<2 OR y>5 THEN
 0058      ENDIF
 0059      IF y=2 THEN
 0060        RUN cut(bufx,bufy,bstat)
 0061      ELSE
 0062        IF y=3 THEN
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017A RUN paste(bufx,bufy,bstat)
018E ELSE
0192 IF y=4 THEN
019E   RUN savebuf(bufx,bufy,bstat)
01B2 ENDIF
01B6 IF y=5 THEN
01C2   RUN loadbuf(bufx,bufy,bstat)
01D6 ENDIF
01D8 ENDIF
01DA DIM enum:INTEGER
01DC ENDIF
01DE END
01E0 DATA "Cut", "Paste", "Save", "Load"
01E0 PROCEDURE savebuf
0000  PARAM bufx,bufy,bstat:INTEGER
000F  DIM enum:INTEGER
0016  DIM ppt:STRING[13]; yes:BOOLEAN
0028  ON ERROR GOTO 100
0035  TYPE registers=cc,a,b,dp:BYTE; x,y,u:INTEGER
0042  DIM reg$registers
0053  DIM t:STRING[6]: file:STRING[30]
005C  DIM path:INTEGER
0073  IF bstat=0 THEN END
007A ENDIF
0087 t="SvBuf"
0089 RUN setfile(t,file)
0095 IF LEN(file)<2 THEN END
00A4 ENDIF
00B4 RUN duwait.
00B8 10 CREATE #path,file:WRITE
00C7  WRITE #path,bufx,bufy
00D5  regs.a=1\regs.b=$84
00EC  regs.x=$1301\regs.y=1
0103  RUN syscall($8E,regs)
0111  regs.a=path
011D  RUN syscall($8A,regs)
012B  regs.=1\regs.b=$84
0142  regs.x=$1301\regs.y=0
0159  RUN syscall($8E,regs)
0167 CLOSE #path
016D RUN duarrow
0171 20
0176 100
017F IF enum=218 THEN
018B   ppt="Re-Write?"
019B   RUN yesno(ppt,yes)
01AA   IF yes THEN
01B3     SHELL "+file"
01BF   GOTO 10
01C3 ELSE
01C7   GOTO 20
01CB ENDIF
01CF ENDIF
01CD RUN ops(enum)
01D9 PROCEDURE loadbuf
0000  PARAM bufx,bufy,bstat:INTEGER
000F  DIM enum:INTEGER
0016  DIM file:STRING[30]; t:STRING[6]
002D  TYPE registers=cc,a,b,dp:BYTE; x,y,u:INTEGER
0052  DIM reg$:registers
005B  DIM PATH,x1,y1:INTEGER
006A  ON ERROR GOTO 100
0070  IF bstat>0 THEN
007C    RUN gfx2("killbuff",19,1)
0094 t="LBuf"
009F RUN getfile(t,file)
00AE IF LEN(file)<1 THEN END
00BC ENDIF
00BE RUN duwait
00C2 OPEN #path,file:READ
00CE READ #path,bufx,bufy
00DC RUN gfx2("get",19,0,bufx,bufy)
00FD regs.a=1\regs.b=$84
00FA regs.x=$1301\regs.y=1
0114 RUN syscall($8E,regs)
012B regs.a=path
0139 RUN syscall($89,regs)
0145 CLOSE #path
0153 regs.a=1\regs.b=$84
0159 regs.x=$1301\regs.y=0
0170 RUN syscall($8E,regs)
0187 bstat=1
0195 RUN duarrow
01A0 20
01A5 100
01A5 enum=ERR
01A5 bstat=0
01B5 RUN ops(enum)
01B5 GOTO 20
01B6 PROCEDURE switchmenu
0000 PARAM pal(16):BYTE; color:bold,rev,trans,brush:INTEGER
0002 DIM x,y,count:INTEGER; b1,b2:BYTE
003B .
0047 RUN gfx2("owset",1,4,1,12,8,2,0)
0069 RUN woset(3)
0071 RUN gfx2("curxy",1,0)
0084 RUN gfx2("revon")
0091 PRINT $1$SWITCH
009E RUN gfx2("revof f")
00AC FOR count=1 TO 4
00B5 READ t
00C5 RUN gfx2("curxy",1,x)
00DA PRINT t;
00E0 NEXT count
00EB REPEAT
00ED RUN readmouse(x,y,bl,bz)
0106 IF bl>0 THEN
0112 RUN convert(x,y)
0121 IF Y=2 THEN
012D RUN chgpal(pal,color)
013C ELSE
0140 RUN mon
014C ELSE
0150 IF Y=4 THEN
0154 RUN txtfunc(trans,bold,rev)
0160 ELSE
0174 ENDIF
0178 IF y=5 THEN
0184 RUN getbrush(brush)
018E ELSE
0190 ENDIF
0192 ENDIF
0194 UNTIL b2<>0 OR b1<>0
0196 RUN gfx2("owend")
0198 DATA "Palette",2,"Monitor",3,"Txt Opt",4,"Brushes",5
01A7 END
01B9 PROCEDURE Cut
0000 PARAM bufx,bufy,bstat:INTEGER
0000 RUN enum:INTERRQ

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0016 DIM sx,ox,sy,oy:INTEGER
0031 DIM b1,b2:BYTE
003C RUN duarrow
0040 RUN gfx2("color",2)
DIM size:INTEGER
0050 DIM bstat=0
0057 ON ERROR GOTO 100
DIM valid:BOOLEAN
005D IF bstat<>0 THEN
0064 RUN gfx2("killbuff",19,1)
0070 bstat=0
0086 REPEAT
008D 10
0094 RUN readmouse(sx,sy,b1,b2)
00AD UNTIL b1<>0 OR b2<>0
00BF IF b2<>0 THEN END \
00CE RUN dupen
00D2 RUN gfx2("logic","xor")
00E5 ox=sx \oy=sy
00F5 RUN delay
00F9 REPEAT
00FB RUN qhouse(nx,ny,b1,b2)
0114 IF nx<>ox OR ny<>oy THEN
0129 RUN gfx2("box",sx,sy,ox,oy)
0148 RUN gfx2("box",sx,sy,nx,ny)
0167 ox=ny \oy=ny
0177 size=(nx-sx)*(ny-sy)
018B IF size<1 OR size>15312 THEN
019F RUN dui
01A3 valid=FALSE
01A9 ELSE
01AD RUN dupen
01B1 valid=TRUE
01B7 END F
01B9 UNTIL b1<>0 OR b2<>0
01BB RUN gfx2("box",sx,ny,ox,oy)
01CD RUN gfx2("logic",off)
01EC IF b2<>0 THEN
01FF END
020B END
020D ENDIF
020F IF NOT(valid) THEN
0219 RUN duarrow
021D RUN gfx2("be11")
0229 GOTO 10
022D ENDIF
022F bufx=nx-sx \bufy=ny-sy
0247 RUN gfx2("set",19,1,sy,bufx,bufy)
026C bstat=1
0273 END
0275 100
027E enum=ERR
028A IF enum=194 THEN
028E RUN duarrow
0292 GOTO 10
0296 ELSE
02A9 RUN gfx2("logic","off")
02B3 RUN ops(enum)
02B5 ENDIF
0000 PROCEDURE paste
000F PARAM bufx,bufy,bstat:INTEGER
001C DIM enum:INTEGER
0016 ON ERROR GOTO 100
001C DIM nx,ny,ox,oy:INTEGER
002F DIM b1,b2:BYTE
003A RUN gfx2("color",2)
004A IF bstat=0 THEN END \
0059 RUN gfx2("logic","xor")
006C nx=0 \ny=0
007A RUN gfx2("box",nx,ny,nx+bufx,ny+bufy)
009F ox=nx \oy=ny
REPEAT
00B1 RUN qhouse(nx,ny,b1,b2)
00B3 10
00C9 IF nx+bufx>319 OR ny+bufy>191 THEN
00D1 RUN dui
00E1 GOTO 10
ENDIF
00F3 RUN duarrow
00F5 IF nx>ox OR ny<>oy THEN
00F9 RUN gfx2("box",ox,oy,ox,oy)
010E RUN gfx2("box",ox,oy,ox+bufx,oy+bufy)
0123 RUN gfx2("box",nx,ny,nx+bufx,ny+bufy)
0158 ox=ux \oy=ny
ENDIF
0169 UNTIL b1<>0 OR b2<>0
016B 17D
0189 RUN gfx2("box",ox,oy,ox,oy)
01AE RUN gfx2("logic",off)
01C1 RUN gfx2("put",19,1,nx,ny)
01DC RUN gfx2("logic",xor)
01EF RUN qhouse(nx,ny,b1,b2)
0208 RUN gfx2("box",nx,ny,nx+bufx,ny+bufy)
022D ox=ny \oy=ny
023D RUN delay
0243 UNTIL b2<>0
024E RUN gfx2("box",ox,oy,ox,oy)
0273 RUN gfx2("logic",off)
0286 100
0288 enum=ERR
0291 RUN gfx2("logic",off)
02A4 RUN ops(enum)
02AE PROCEDURE ops
0000 PARAM enum:INTEGER
0007 DIM x,y:INTEGER
001C b1,b2:BYTE
RUN gfx2("woset",1,5,8,30,6,0,2)
003E RUN woset(4)
0046 PRINT "error "+STR$(enum)
0048 SHELL "Click to continue"
0057 PRINT "Read mouse(x,y,b1,b2)"
0059 RUN readmouse(x,y,b1,b2)
0067 RUN gfx2("owend")
0087 END
0094 END
0000 PROCEDURE woset
0007 TYPE registers=cc,a,b,dp:BYTE; x,y,u:INTEGER
002C DIM regs

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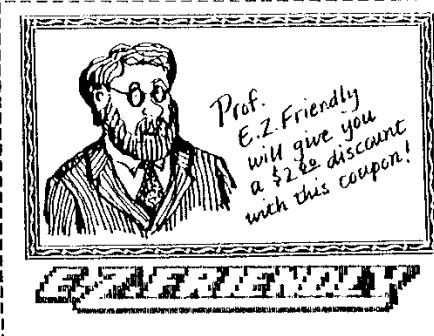
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Bill Brady

Somewhat a few things failed to appear in the printed copy of the column last issue. I do not know how this came to be, but I will repeat all of the missing parts here, and, hopefully, make the salient points clear.

Now what was that main point? Ah yes, `WSCALL`, the why and when.

I tried to show you how error handling is greatly simplified by the use of `syscall`. I gave examples of creating a file, the first using the 'vanilla' Basic09 way, the other used `syscall`. Lets try again to get this example in a form that you can see. We are writing a program that uses a subroutine at 1000 as the 'catch all' error handler. At some point within the program, we are going to create a new file. If that file already exists, we will create a new file, using the same name, but append a ".1".

Here is method "A":

```
* location 1000 is our generic
* error handler

! ON ERROR GOTO 1000

*****  
* Here starts our subroutine
* first we set up a new
* error routine at loc 50
* this is so we KNOW that
* we got there from here
* and not someplace else

!0 ON ERROR GOTO 50

* now we attempt to create
* our file

CREATE #path,"filename":WRITE

* OK we got past the CREATE
* now we have to skip the
* local error handler, and
* restore the generic error
* routine at 1000

!N ERROR GOTO 1000
GOTO 60

* here is the local error handler
* where we look to see if the file
* already exists.. error 218
```

(* note that we could get here for
(* any of several reasons, so the
(* routine will enter the generic
(* handler if it gets anything other
(* than 218

```
50 en=ERR
IF en=218 THEN
    filename=filename+".1"
ELSE
    GOTO 1002
ENDIF
GOTO 40

60 (* continue with program

1000 en=ERR
1002 IF en=...
```

Here is method "B" (using `syscall`)

```
40 s.a=2\s.b=7\s.x=addr(filename)
RUN syscall($83,s)
IF s.b=218 THEN
    filename=filename+".1"
    GOTO 40
ELSE
    en=s.b
    GOTO 1002
ENDIF

($83 is the CREATE system call. Entry: a =
access mode, b = file
attributes, x = address of the pathlist.,
(filename). Exit:
a = path number, b = error code.)
```

A lot less work eh? Well, maybe, because you do have to define the "S" variable... we did that last time, remember the TYPE Statement? But you only have to set up the `syscall` register pak once in each program/procedure, and you can use it over and over. The differences between method A and method B include simplicity and speed. You also pick up some "power". Lets take a look in more detail.

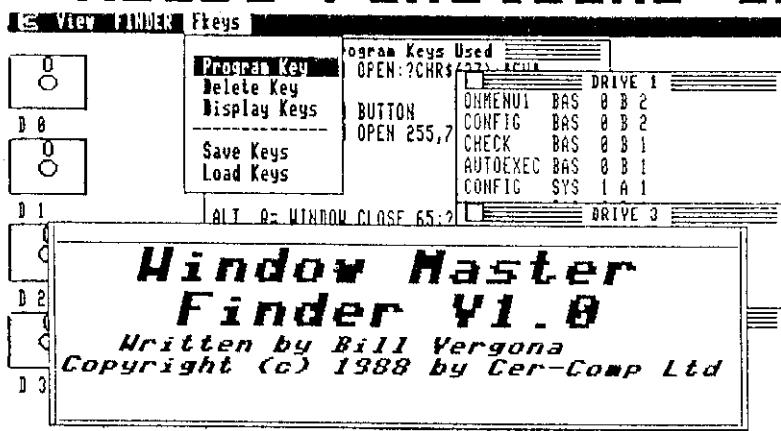
SIMPLICITY. Note the "IF s.b=218". The `CREATE` system call, like most system calls, returns error numbers in the B register. You grab and deal with the 'file already exists error' right there in the subroutine, no `ON ERROR GOTO`. You know precisely when and why the error 218 occurred. What could be simpler?

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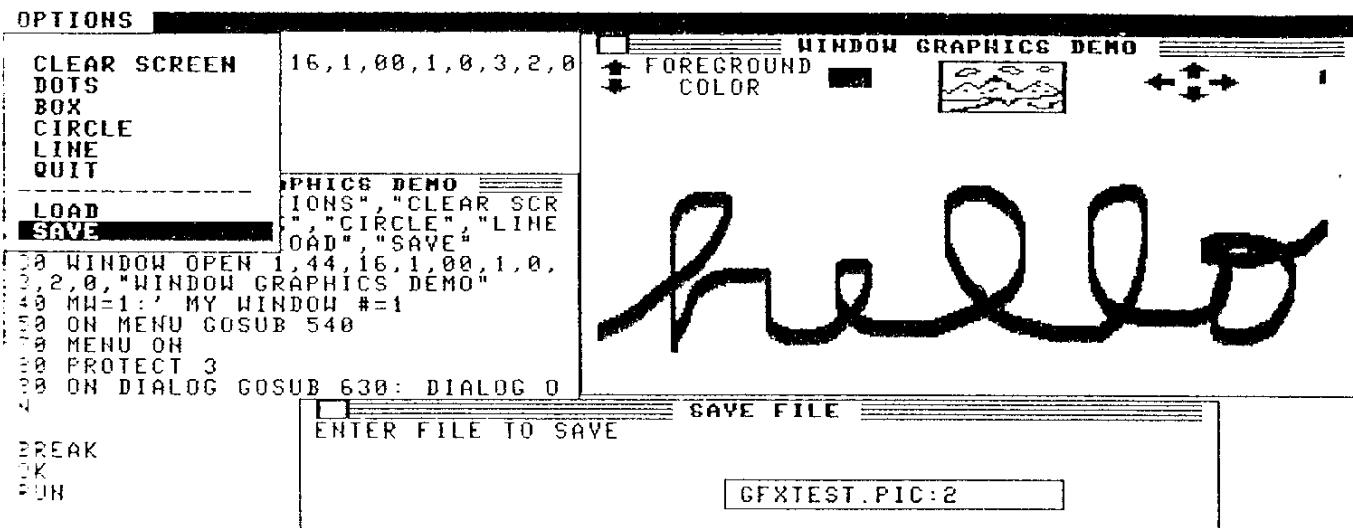
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Note that you do not have all of the ON ERROR GOTO statements... they take time... each becomes several system calls.

POWER. Note the 'a.b=?'. That's the access mode! You can't set that at all from the Basic09 CREATE statement. (I forgot what the CREATE statement defaults to, but I know of no way to change it.)

I like method B for another reason. It is far easier to read the code, you can see what is happening.. it is simple, and what some folks call 'elegant'. But what may be the most important, the use of syscall in this way leads to 'bulletproof' code... you end up with programs that work.

Back to the Why and When. Here we used syscall because we wanted to simplify error handling. We used it when we wanted to create a file. Now lets look at an example of 'bulletproofness'.

I am working on a program called Wiz Pro. Wiz Pro is a multi-part program that uses overlays. So what's an overlay? Well, Pro always leaves a two page chunk... 16k, free in its process space. As it runs, Pro will 'overlay' procedures into this space, execute them kill them, keeping the 16k space free. This way, Pro can be expanded in an unlimited way, just so long as each, (basic09), expansion fits in 16k.

These 'overlays' can come into Pros process space either from disk, or some other area of memory. Naturally, often used procedures are best kept in memory, others may be kept on disk. In any case, the choice is up to the user because Pro executes a 'overlay' called WizLoads. WizLoads is nothing more than a list of procedures and programs that get loaded when Pro does. So, if a user wants so and so proc kept in memory, all he has to do is put its name in WizLoads. This is what the proc looks like:

```
PROCEDURE WizLoads
PARAM lode(8):STRING[16]
FOR i=1 TO 8
lode(i)=""
NEXT i
lode(1)="WizUtils"
lode(2)="WizConfig"
lode(3)="WizClipper"
lode(4)="WpXmod"
lode(5)="WizAuto"
END
```

And here is what happens to it: (in Wiz Pro)

```
proc="Wizloads" \RUN proc(lode) \ KILL proc
i=1
WHILE lode(i)<>"" DO
SHELL "load "+lode(i)
i=i+1
ENDWHILE
```

Notice that the files "WizUtils ...Auto" end up hanging around in memory beyond this point.

In a particular phase of the development of Pro, I wanted to 'clean up' memory when Wiz Pro exited. So I used a lines like:

```
REPEAT
SHELL "UNLINK ",lode(i)
i=i+1
UNTIL lode(i)=""
```

Now, if you had 8 lodes, then the unlink command would be called in from disk 8 times... so I made one of the lodes 'unlink'. (lode=load.. load is a keyword, you can't use it in a program).

Now came the day I was to send out Alpha test copies of Wiz Pro. Although the instructions said "copy all of the Wiz Pro files into your command directory", all of the testers copied them into a 'seperate' CMDS directory, containing... you guessed it... no unlink command. So I got phone calls.....

How could use of syscall have place some armor on this? Well if I had used:

```
WHILE lode(i)<>"" DO
s.a=$22 \s.x=ADDR(lode(i))
RUN s9scall($1D,s)
i=i+1
ENDWHILE
```

there would have been no need for the use of unlink, no missing unlinks, and no phone calls. The program would have been 'bullet proof', or at least 'bullet resistant'?

(\$1D is the 'unlink a module by name system call'. Entry: a = module type, (\$22 is basic09 subroutine), x = address of module name. Exit: b = error code.)

Note that I have not shown these procs looking at the ccode register. The carry bit is set to one in the ccode register when there is an error. You should actually look at this bit first, then the b register.

While reading these syscall examples, a question may have arisen in your mind. Suppose an error occurs? Like in the WHILE lode(i)<>"" DO above... suppose for some reason one of the 'lodes', (files), isn't there by the time you exit? What happens? Do you get vectored off to some other 'generic' error handler? The answer is no. In this case you just keep on trucking until you run out of files to unlink. (lode(i) ""). So, if a file isn't there to get unlinked.. it don't get unlinked.. got it?

If some other error occurs, well the worse that can happen is that something gets left behind in memory.

Now, the next step is to do away with the SHELL "load.. line in Wiz Pro also!

So another reason for using syscall is when you want to make your Basic09 program stand alone... self sufficient. By using syscall you can free your code from things like:

```
SHELL "dir"
SHELL "chd"
```

```
SHELL "tmode ..."  
SHELL "link ..."
```

Lets see, if I remember correctly, I promised another example of using syscall to read a file very quickly. Try this:

```
DIM BUF(8192):BYTE
```

```
OPEN #path,filename:READ  
10 s.a#=path \ s.y=8192 \ s.x=ADDR(BUF)  
RUN syscall($89,s)  
IF s.b=211 THEN 20  
IF s.y<> 8192 THEN 10  
CLOSE #path
```

(\$89 is the READ OS-9 system call. Entry: a = path y = # of chars to read, x = address of buffer. Exit b=error code, y = number of bytes read.

Now you might be getting the idea that I don't like ON ERROR GOTO. I do like it, just not so much for error trapping. Why don't I like it for error trapping? Well, the main thing is that when you get to where your ON ERROR GOTO goes to, you don't know from where you got there! Some Basics have a func. or called ERRLN which tells you where the error occurred. But not basic09. Why? Because ON ERROR GOTO isn't what it seems, and what it does makes it really useful in the application of Basic09 to the creation of truly powerful programs!

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```

MODULE Create
NOTE Create a new data base
NOTE a maximum of 40 fields and 5 keys are allowed
NOTE maximum field name length is 15

TEXT fn(30) OF 15
TEXT ft(30) OF 1
TEXT dt(30) OF 1
INTEGER fl(30)
TEXT fm(30) OF 15
TEXT kn(5) OF 15
TEXT kt(5) OF 1
INTEGER k1(5)
TEXT ke(5) OF 80
TEXT a$(OF 80
TEXT mask$ OF 80
TEXT file_name OF 15
TEXT ft$ OF 1
TEXT dt$ OF 1
INTEGER l,n,i,row,col
INTEGER name_good,good
INTEGER fields,keys,records

name_good=0,good=0,fields=0,keys=0,records=0

1=0:WHILE 1<30 DO:i=i+1:ft(i)="" :ENDWHILE
1=0:WHILE 1<5 DO:i=i+1:kt(i)="" :ENDWHILE

CLEAR SCREEN
UTD REVERSE:PRINT "CSG IMS data base creator";
UTD NORMAL

GOSUB file_name:GOSUB field_name:GOSUB edit
END

LABEL file_name
NOTE get the name for the file
REPEAT
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE:PRINT "Data base name: ";
UTD REVERSE:INPUT a$:UTD NORMAL
a$=TRIMS(a$)
IF a$<>" " THEN
GOSUB check_name
IF good THEN
file_name=a$:name_good=1
LOCATE 1,35:PRINT "Name: ";:UTD REVERSE:PRINT
file_name:UTD NORMAL
ELSE
CALL create_error("Not a valid data base name")
ENDIF
ENDIF
UNTIL name_good
NOTE get number of records
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE:PRINT "Number of records:
";;

UTD REVERSE:INPUT a$:UTD NORMAL
IF TRIMS(a$)<>" " THEN l=INTEGER(a$)
IF l>0 THEN
records=1
LOCATE 1,62:PRINT "Records: ";:UTD REVERSE:PRINT
records:UTD NORMAL
ENDIF
ENDIF
RETURN

LABEL field_name
NOTE get field and key info

```

```

REPEAT:GOSUB add_name:UNTIL NOT good
RETURN

LABEL add_name
NOTE add one field or key
good=0
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE
PRINT "Type of field (Regular, Header or Key or
ESCAPE) ? ";
REPEAT
ft$=CAPS(GETKEY)
UNTIL SUBSTR(ft$, "RHK")>CHRS(27)
IF ft$=CHRS(27) THEN RETURN:ENDIF
IF ft$="K" THEN
keys=1
WHILE keys<5 DO
IF kt(keys)="" THEN EXIT:ENDIF
keys=keys+1
ENDIFWHILE
IF keys>5 THEN
CALL create_error("Too many keys")
good=1:RETURN
ENDIF
row=17+keys:col=1:n=30+keys
ELSE
fields=1
WHILE fields<30 DO
IF ft(fields)="" THEN EXIT:ENDIF
fields=fields+1
ENDIFWHILE
IF fields>30 THEN
CALL create_error("Too many fields")
good=1:RETURN
ENDIF
row=(fields-1)*15+3:col=(fields/16)*40+1:n=fields
ENDIF
LOCATE row,col:PRINT n:LOCATE row,col+3:PRINT ft$;
REPEAT
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE:PRINT "Field name: ";
INPUT a$
GOSUB check_name
UNTIL good
LOCATE row,col+5:PRINT a$;
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE
PRINT "Data type (Integer, Long, Date, Real or Text)? ";
REPEAT
dt$=CAPS(GETKEY)
UNTIL SUBSTR(dt$, "ILDRT")
LOCATE row,col+21:PRINT dt$;
IF dt$="T" THEN
REPEAT
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE
PRINT "Text length: ";
INPUT l
UNTIL 10 and l do
LOCATE row,col+22:PRINT l;
ENDIF
IF dt$="K" THEN
GOSUB getexp
kn(keys)=a$:kt(keys)=dt$:k1(keys)=l:ke(keys)=mask$
ELSE
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE
PRINT "Field mask: ";
INPUT mask$
mask$=LEFT$(mask$,15)
fn(fields)=a$:ft(fields)=ft$:dt(fields)=dt$
fl(fields)=l:fm(fields)=mask$
ENDIF
LOCATE row,col+26:PRINT mask$;
RETURN

LABEL getexp
REPEAT
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE
PRINT "Key expression: ";:INPUT mask$
mask$=TRIMS(mask$)
UNTIL mask$<> ""
RETURN

LABEL check_name
good=1:a$=TRIMS(a$):l=LENGTH(a$)
IF l<1 OR l>15 OR CAPS(LEFT$(a$,1))<"A" OR
CAPS(LEFT$(a$,1))>"Z" THEN

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good=0
ELSE
WHILE 1 DO
IF SUBSTR(MIDS(a$,1,1),"+ !@%^&()~{}~{{}};:"\n",./?") OR MIDS(a$,1,1)="" THEN
good=0:EXIT
ENDIF
1=1-1
ENDWHILE
ENDIF
RETURN

LABEL edit
NOTE allow changes to any of the data
LOOP
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1
PRINT "Press N to change file name, F to change
field, C to create or Q to quit: "
REPEAT
a$=CAPS(GETKEY)
UNTIL SUBSTR(a$,"NFCQ")
UTD REVERSE:PRINT a$;:UTD NORMAL
IF a$=="N" THEN
GOSUB file_name
ELSE IF a$=="F" THEN
GOSUB edit_field
ELSE IF a$=="C" THEN GOTO create
ELSE RETURN
ENDIF
ENDIF
ENDIF
ENDIF
ENDLOOP

LABEL edit_field
LOOP
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE
PRINT "Press D to delete a field, A to add or ESCape:
";
REPEAT
a$=CAPS(GETKEY)
UNTIL SUBSTR(a$,"DA"+CHR(27))
IF a$=="D" THEN
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE
PRINT "Delete which line? ";
INPUT 1
IF !>=1 AND !<=35 THEN
IF !>30 THEN
kt(1-30)=""
LOCATE 1-11,3:CLEAR LINE
ELSE
ft(1)=""
LOCATE ((1-1)*15+3,1/16*40+3):RINT "
";
ENDIF
ENDIF
ELSE
IF a$=="A" THEN
GOSUB add_name
ELSE
RETURN
ENDIF
ENDIF
ENDIF
ENDLOOP

LABEL create
NOTE save info in a .ide file and create the .ida and
.iin files
a$=file_name+".ide"
SET TRAP TO create_trap
SET PRINT TO a$
SET TRAP TO abort_trap
SET SCREEN OFF
SET LEFT MARGIN TO 0
SET PRINT ON
PRINT "FILE ";file_name;" OF LENGTH ";records
PRINT
1=0
WHILE 1<30 DO:i=i+1
IF ft(1)<"" THEN
IF ft(1)="H" THEN PRINT "HEADER ";:ENDIF
dt$=dt(1):GOSUB printtype
PRINT fn(1);
IF dt(1)="T" THEN PRINT " OF LENGTH ";kl(1);:ENDIF
IF fm(1)<"" THEN PRINT ' MASK '';fm(1);'':ELSE
PRINT:ENDIF
ENDIF
ENDWHILE
PRINT
1=0
WHILE 1<5 DO:i=i+1
IF kt(1)<"" THEN
PRINT "KEY ";:dt$=kt(1):GOSUB printtype:PRINT kn(1);

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IF kt(1)="T" THEN PRINT " OF LENGTH ";kl(1);
ENDIF
PRINT " = ";ke(1)
ENDIF
ENDWHILE
PRINT
SET SCREEN ON:SET PRINT TO "":SET TRAP TO imsd_trap
SHELL "IMSD "+a$
SET TRAP OFF
RETURN

LABEL create_trap
SET TRAP OFF
IF ERROR=218 THEN NOTE file already exists
CALL create_error("File already exists")
GOSUB file_name
RESUME AT create
ENDIF
LABEL abort_trap
SET PRINT TO "":SET SCREEN ON
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE
HELP ERROR
END

LABEL imsd_trap
SET TRAP OFF
LOCATE #ROWS-1,1:CLEAR LINE
PRINT
PRINT "Can't create the .ida and .iin files because
of errors found by IMSD."
PRINT "You can edit the .ide file to correct the
errors."
PRINT:PRINT
CALL create_error("Press any key to continue")
END

LABEL printtype
IF dt$=="I" THEN PRINT "INTEGER ";
ELSE if dt$=="L" THEN PRINT "LONG ";
ELSE if dt$=="D" THEN PRINT "DATE ";
ELSE if dt$=="R" THEN PRINT "REAL ";
ELSE PRINT "TEXT ";
ENDIF
ENDIF
ENDIF
ENDIF
RETURN

MODULE create_error(message)

LOCATE #ROWS,1:CLEAR LINE
UTD REVERSE:PRINT message;CHR(7);"-waiting";
WHILE GETKEY="" DO ENDWHILE
LOCATE #ROWS,1:CLEAR LINE
END

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Using the program

This program can be executed in several ways. From the OS9 prompt, the IMS menu, in CSG IMS interactive mode or from another CSG IMS program..

When the program is invoked, it will prompt you for the name of the datafile you wish to create followed by the fields and keys. When entering the key expressions no error checking will be done. If you enter a bad expression, an error will be reported when the files are being created. If you do have an error you can either edit the .ide file or reenter all of the fields and keys and try again.

When the file name, fields and keys are all defined, you can create the data base. The program will call the IMSD program to perform this function. Any errors will be reported on the screen.

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Editor's Note: Because of the length of several of this issue's article's we have limited our reviews to just two items. Our November / December edition will contain many, many more reviews - just in time for the holiday buying season. We did receive three programs for this edition which are of particular note. We will be presenting more in depth reviews on these programs in up-coming issues.

VIP Database III
S.D. Enterprises
P.O. Box 1233
Gresham, OR 97030

Pgm. Type: Coco III Database
Requires : 128K Coco III + Disk
Price : \$69.95

It's rather unfortunate that we don't

have more room in this edition for reviews as Paul Anderson and S.D. Enterprises have done a remarkable job in creating a nicely updated version of a tried and true CoCo database. Those of you with the original VIP database will be pleased to learn that 98% of all your original commands still work with Database III and that S.D. will upgrade your old version for \$42.95 including postage and handling.

Some of the enhancements for Database 3 include compatibility with RGB Computer Systems hard disk, 40 or 80 column display using the CoCo III's internal hardware, DOUBLE clock speed, a print spooler and a report generator with almost unlimited print format abilities and you can embed control codes for ALL types of printers. In addition you can easily set the foreground and background colors using the arrow keys to your personal taste. We tested Database III on a composite monitor and even at 80 columns, where a lot of data is displayed we had little if any trouble reading the screen - especially after experimenting with foreground and background colors. RGB monitor owners will be thrilled with these capability as well as they can really tailor their display's look.

The biggest difference with Database III is it's ability to sort. The original program used a disk sort system and often took many, many minutes to do even a limited range of sorts. Database III however uses in memory sorts and at double clock speed this program just roars! Paul provided some sample programs for us to test, based on the examples in the VIP Database III manual. These examples (you can type them in from the manual) show off the sort routines (speed and sort order) and the built in math package. This makes constructing an accounts receivable file very easy and you can have the program update your accounts with just a couple of key strokes and in ascending or descending order.

Plus you design the database records the way you want them, not the way the program writer thinks is best. (For detail on what a database is, and how you might put one together refer to issues 4, 5, 6 of Clipboard - available on back issue order). A database does not have to be just the Christmas card list - it can be any type or set of information that needs to be manipulated, stored and retrieved. VIP Database III certainly lets you do all of that and very quickly. There's another feature, mentioned

already, which makes this program particularly interesting. It works with the RGB Hard Drive system. Depending on the hard drive size, you could have from 120 to 250 drives on line using the RGB system. Since VIP Database III does not do disk sorts - your information flow becomes incredibly fast when using a hard drive. Your accounts receivable, payable and yes your Christmas card list can all be on their own "disk" on a hard drive just a few seconds away. The database also has mail merge capability for form letters with the personal touch. Coupled with VIP Writer III, Database III becomes a high powered productivity worker in your home or office.

HELLO.BASGOODGAMES TRIO
 Roy Pierce Software
 P.O. Box 1787
 Main Post Office
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Canada
 (403) 474-8435

Pgm. Type: Disk Utility +
 Skill Games
 Requires :CoCo 2 or 3
 Price : \$19.95 each

A lot of good things have come out of Canada for the CoCo - especially out of Edmonton. A new source of clever utilities and games is Roy Pierce Software. Roy has sent his

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first two releases, HELLO.BAS and GOODGAMES Trio.

HELLO.BAS is a disk menu selector program. Now disk menu selector programs are not really new but HELLO.BAS incorporates several programs that not only make program selection easy but contain a specialized DISKINIT/ auto boot initializer, a HELP/ file and a DOS BOOT/DAT file. What HELLO.BAS does best is go onto your blank disks before you load them with more programs. That's what DSKINIT/ does. Take a freshly formatted disk and then run the DSKINIT/ program. It creates a file that will automatically look for HELLO.BAS and HELLO.BAS will then let you load your programs.

A HELP/ file is included to walk you through the instructions for copying and extra drive set ups. The program is powerful in its simplicity and provides a nice menu program for each disk you have. Considering it can be moved from each disk in your collection with ease the \$19.95 price is quite low.

Roy also sent along his GOODGAMES TRIO. These are games that Roy originally wrote for his own pleasure, but had so many requests he went public. These games are ADI, OTHELLO and CONNECT5. Well OTHELLO and CONNECT games have been around for a while - but hardly this fast and certainly not as cleanly. These games are PMODE 4 games so they can go from CoCo 2's to CoCo 3. Roy has kept them simple in graphics, but fast in speed with nifty little sound effects to help you keep track of the action. OTHELLO is a subset of the larger version and if you're familiar with Roman Checkers, a Tandy ROM Pak, then you know what OTHELLO is. Roy's version uses an 8 x 8 board as opposed to the larger 12 x 12 board. This keeps the action fast paced, especially when used by younger players who could tire from the larger version. More experienced players face a greater challenge with the smaller area, kind of like putting the Chicago Bears into an arena football field, or making Larry Bird play half court and telling them they have to play for the championship.

CONNECT5 is great for kids as it is so similar to other connect type games. Black and white discs drop from the top with a quick little sound and snappy animation. Connect 5 disks in a row and you win.

ADI is a game that you probably haven't heard of before. And it's not one that will come easily for many of us with a traditional western game mind set. This game comes to us from Africa. It was originally played in the desert sands using handy playing "chips" from a natural source. Now if you don't know what that means buy the game and read the instructions. The game is played on a board of 12 slots in two rows of six. The object of the game is to move your tokens around the board so that you capture the enemy but also defend your positions. It looks a lot like Backgammon, but plays without dice, or bets, or many of the rules of that game. Being born in the desert there wasn't a lot of time for rules in games, or dice cups. Things often had to be packed in a hurry. One thing you will find in this game is strategy. I never knew a caravan that didn't have some pretty tricky

they want, with the programs they want. Variety is the spice of life and the CoCo is really the only "spice" on the Radio Shack shelf. It's simple, low cost, friendly, well supported and CoCo owners are just plain GREAT people. I am getting into "Tandy bashing" with all of this? No, not at all. The Tandy PC Clones and the new OS/2 5000 MC are top flight PC machines. But they aren't the only kind of computers people want or need. All I'm trying to say is give the CoCo the respect a tried and tested veteran deserves. Give the customer the chance to determine the market and the machines they want. Stop hiding the CoCo over in the corner, next to the tube tester.

The best thing I saw coming out of Tandy is the Express Order catalog. Now you can do the ordering directly from Tandy, on an 800 number, and have the product sent right to your home. While this might take a customer out of the retail stores, it sure makes it easier to buy, and the store manager has one less thing to handle among the thousands of regularly stocked parts. Somebody was listening to people's needs in this area and we think Tandy made the right moves in this direction.

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dealers and players and this is the game that came from them. It looks simple, but you better put on another pot of "joe" before sitting down to a serious game of ADI!

There is a built in help file with ADI plus a (L)ook command that will let you peek ahead if you're really stuck.

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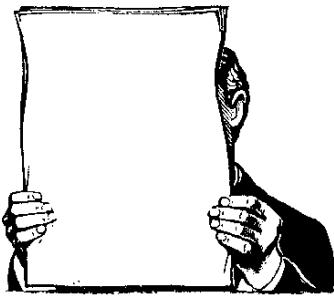
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Please renew my subscription for 1 year - enclosed is my check. Great magazine, Thank you!

Dave Kincaid
Greenville, SC

Gosh, Dave what could I add? Thanks!

Out of the blue I received Vol 1. #5 of your magazine in the mail yesterday. A quick scan was enough to persuade me to subscribe. Inclosed is my check for subscriptions and back issues Vol 1. #2, 3, and 4.

I was also pleased to read of your connection with CompuServe as I am a member (76672,03646) and I'm looking forward to the conference.

T. Eric Nelson
Santa Rosa, CA

Our monthly conferences co-sponsored by Clipboard and Dan Robins from Computer Shopper are gaining in popularity. In August we had Paul Anderson from S.D. Enterprises. September we tentatively have Chris Burke from Burke & Burke Hard Drives, and October's CO will feature Roger Krupski from RGB Computer Systems!

Inclosed is my check for issues 1, 2, 3 and 4. I and my grandchildren are operating 6 CoCo 64k's. The children range in age from 4 to 12.

I run OS9, Pascal, C and Basic09. I sent for Bill Bernico's disks and use them in creating Ed. programs for the kids. From what I see in Vol. 1 #5 you have the startings of an outstanding magazine. Keep up the good work.

When I get my retirement check next month I will extend my subscription two more years. Here's to many happy hours on the CoCo!

Donald M. Tidd
Vallejo, CA

We're impressed Don. Just goes to show that young and old love their CoCo's. Thanks for writing!

Congratulations on a great little magazine. I look forward to receiving many more issues. Enclosed is my check to extend my subscription for two more years.

James L. Gifford
Kingman, AZ

Jim it's folks like you who brighten our day!

Please find enclosed a money order for 9 subscriptions to your magazine. All these subscriptions are from members of the London CoCoNuts Computer Club, and we were made aware of your magazine through our contact with the Toronto Color Computer Club. We are definitely looking forward to the success of your magazine.

Wayne Morrison and eight others
London, Ontario

Wayne: Boy did Dar and I flip when we got your letter! Thanks for the great support and I hope you're enjoying your copies.

I was impressed with your Jan/Feb. issue. The future of the CoCo is OS9 and MultiVue. I recommend that you include routine articles and tutorials on OS9, Basic09, "C", and MultiVue programming. We need an article comparing the features of the various hard disk systems that are available. We need reporting of inside Tandy info and rumors. I think you have a bright future if you pattern your approach after PC Magazine. We need this type of periodical for the CoCo community. Keep up the good work.

James Neukam
Owensboro, KY

Well we've got the "C" column going for you Jim, and two columns dealing with Basic09 (actually 3 this month) and Randy Krippner is working on a MultiVue project for the next edition. I'd love to publish more about our friends at Tandy, but only when we can get - as Joe Friday would say - the "facts." We encourage all of our readers to write to Tandy and tell them how much you like the CoCo and want more hardware and software and support

Glad to see the CoCo working hard in such an important place as your halfway house.

Here is my check for renewal of my subscription for 2 year. Much of the contents are way over my head but I hope to have time to learn some of the intricacies - and PLEASE don't neglect the CoCo II owners who don't want to invest in OS9! I'm still producing a newsletter for my husbands WWII outfit and use 2 CoCo's, 3 printers, 2 SS drives.

Maried A Bickers
Gulf Breeze, FL.

Per your request find our new series on modular programming in Basic by Bosiy Pitre, plus a Basic program by Mike Dooley. We're working on more "good" programs and articles for the CoCo 2.

Here's my money order for the timely reminder to renew. I enjoy the magazine very much and have recommended it to quite a few people here in Toronto.

Keep up the good work, I enjoy it all. The occasional hardware interface etc. would be of interest also.

Mike Fisher
Toronto, Ontario Canada

Mike thanks for the help in Toronto! Our readers should note that on the top of their mailing labels we are now publishing the start and ending dates of their subscription. The ending date is one month BEFORE your subscription expires. Questions on subscriptions are welcome at our Fredonia offices, Monday through Saturday from 9am to 6pm eastern.

I would like to renew my subscription to this wonderful magazine. My check is enclosed. Thank you and all your staff for a great magazine. Keep up the good work.

Ed Robinson
Fresno, CA

Thanks Ed!

I would also like to compliment you on your magazine, I think it was a much needed improvement in a lot of areas as far as the CoCo goes. I also like the fact that you are trying to put full programs into the magazine instead of trying to stretch them out over a period of months. Keep up the good work.

Dave Henderson

Dave, we really debated about running Randy Krippner's program over two issues. We dislike articles which seem to promise an entire

program in one issue only to find out that you've got to wait till next month, or pick up the disk service to get the balance of the article when you get to the end of the piece. We said up front, that the article would be split and we have part 2 of the article in this issue.

Enclosed is my check for a 2 year renewal. Keep up the good work. Your's is one of the few magazines that I read cover to cover - every article seems like it's written just for my level of knowledge. Keep up the "C" support. I know there's a wealth of knowledge available in this language and your articles are helping me tap this great source (that's a pun!). Try to get "C" running on MultiVue. I love hearing about others who use their CoCo's for business reasons. I hope to be able to do this soon. And where is Rush Caley?

As long as you treat the CoCo as more than game machine, I'll be subscribing!

Stephen A Houghy, MD
Milwaukee, WI

So you like reading about CoCo business success stories??? Check out our contents page and thanks for your support!

I have included a money order for one year of CoCo Clipboard Magazine and two of the back issues. I would like to have issue 4 March/April 1988 and issue 5 May/June 1988. I would like to have all of the back issues but I think that your price is a little high for photocopies.

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SEEC: To Define

Nancy Ewart

The easiest part of starting a new language is understanding the language; the hardest part is putting the environment together and knowing step-by-step how to use it. In the beginning all I knew was I needed OS-9 and a C Compiler to learn to program in C. Because of this vast ignorance, I followed anything that had steps, or samples, that I could find. I quickly learned to do EXACTLY as they said, and not try to improve on anything. Therefore, it took me too long to start fiddling with the compiler, the libraries and such. I hope that the exercises, examples and explanations in this essay will make it easier for others to start such fiddling sooner and with more understanding.

One of the most important concepts to understand for those of us who are not experienced in assembly language is how the C Compiler works and what influence the C Compiler has on the use of the language. This time we will explore the PREPROCESSOR; with #include; #define; libraries; and the command line of the compiler itself.

Frequently #define is used for the constant to identify the number of elements in an array. This practise helps you remember what the source code was all about six months later.

#define BOX_SIDES 6
Then later you can set up an array thusly:
int caskets[BOX_SIDES]

When you use #define, the Preprocessor changes every instance of the defined symbol (string) into the definition; for example #define PI 3.14159 or #define HELLO "Hi, there! What's New?". It makes all these substitutions throughout the source code before the compiler even begins pass1. Consider the following source code:

```
/* Preprocessor exercise one*/
#define BEGIN main()
#define END }
#define PRNT printf("

BEGIN
    thirty();
    PRNT Book Trader\n");
    twenty();
    PRNT Quality Preowned Paperback Books\n");
    thirty();
    PRNT Half-price");
END
```

```
    thirty()
    {
        printf("
    });

twenty()
{
    printf("
    ");
```

You can send the source code through the preprocessor only; thus you stop the compiling and look at what is happening. Use this command:

```
c.prep -l btlogo.c >/d0/WORDPR/btprep
where WORDPR is a directory on drive 0. Then,
list btprep.
```

BTPREP (exerpt)

```
#6
#define BEGIN main()
#6
#define END }
#6
#define PRNT printf("
#6

#5
4

#6
BEGIN
main(){
#6
    thirty();
    thirty();
#6
    PRNT Book Trader\n");
    printf(" Book Trader\n");
#6
    twenty();
    twenty();
#6
    PRNT Quality Preowned Paperback Books\n");
    printf(" Quality Preowned Paperbac Books\n");
```

And so on..... You can see what is happening. Did you notice that the preprocessor dropped off the "k" in "Paperback"? The #define PRNT printf(" has a number of surprises for the unwary; the "k" was the character that wrapped around to the next line on the VDG screen. For this reason, change the line PRNT Quality (etc.) to the regular printf("Quality (etc.) and then compile it and

you will get the Book Trader signature the way it was meant to be. Another limitation is that there must be a space between "PRNT" and what you want to print or the compiler will treat it as one word and announce an undeclared variable. However, when #define PRNT works it saves a lot of shift key typing.

All this playing around with the #defines is not much of a time saver with programs as simple as these. Where #define comes in handy is for something that is used over and over again, either in one program or in many programs. In the latter case, expand the #defines to include all the helps and shortcuts that you need. Put them in an .h file such as lazy.h and #include them at the beginning of all your programs. Here are a few inclusions to start your thinking. By the way, the part of the #define directive in CAPS is called the "macro" and the definition is called the "replacement string."

```
lazy.h
#define BEGIN main(){}
#define END }
#define PRNT printf(
#define TIMES *
#define IF if (
#define THEN )
#define ELSE else
#define AND &&
#define OR ||
#define EQUALS ==
```

The following could be the start of something to amuse a five year old, joke.c.

```
#include "lazy.h"
#define KK Knock, knock\n"

BEGIN
    PRNT KK);
    PRNT Who's there? );
END
```

In addition to the ability to look at what the preprocessor does as described above, you can use the options available for the compiler command line to save yourself time, when debugging and, finally, space, when storing compiled programs. You can cut down on the time involved when working on debugging C source code by omitting the code optimizer phase of the compiling process. The command line is ccl -o joke.c. (REMEMBER, clear away the debris from an aborted compile, i.e. ctmp.3.m, etc., before starting a new one.)

On very simple, short programs the -o option doesn't seem to make much difference one way or another, but on longer programs if you skip c.opt, the compilation is faster. At the very end, when everything is A-OK, run the compiler one last time, leaving c.opt in. The optimizer will make the code more efficient and shorter. Make a trial run by giving the same source code two different names (program1.c and program2.c); compile program1.c with the -o option; compile program2.c straight. Then dump program1 and dump

program2. If optimizing were actually done, program1 will be shorter.

Donald Hicks of 355 St. Emanuel St., Mobile, AL 36603 was the first to write in with this suggestion for the C Compiler in a Level Two environment:

The LIB and DEFS files from the Development Pak should be added and, since there are some differences, "c.asm" should be replaced with a renamed copy of "rma" and "c.link" with a renamed "rlink" from the same source.

He also suggested this fix:

In "cc1" starting at offset \$0EE6, change:
/d0 /lib/cstart to /DD /lib/cstart (or
whatever suits you)
In "c.prep" starting at offset \$135D, change:
/d0 /defs/.r to /DD /defs/.r (or
whatever)

Donald suggests using a disk file editor to do this job. He emphasizes "Notice the space after the device name. It must remain undisturbed. It is actually a \$00 byte, as is the one before the device name."

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William A Lathan of 1023 Courtney Dr., Mesquite, TX 75150 sent this patch to change where the C Compiler looks for the C Library - a ram disk instead of drive one.

```
I cc1
c 0ee5 64 72
c 0ee6 31 30
v
l c.prep
c 135c 64 72
c 135d 31 30
v
```

I tried this and it works. For those of you who have never done anything like this here are the steps to follow:

- First: Be sure you have used tmode pause so that you get a screenfull at a time and no more.
- Second: Dump cc1 then dump c.prep. Find the address and look at what you will be changing.
- Third: Make Bill Lathan's file (see above) using any editor or "build". Call it "rampatch".
- Fourth: load cc1 and c.prep into memory.
- Fifth: Type the command
modpatch rampatch<enter>
- Sixth: Rename cc1 and c.prep in your CMDS directory. This is to protect what you have in case of accident.
- Seventh: Save the modified cc1 and c.prep from memory into your CMDS directory on your /d0 disk. Save /d0/cmds/cc1 cc1 "Save" is a CMD in Level I; it does not come in Level II unless you have Development System.

Now you need a Ramdisk called /r0. Format /r0. Transfer your C Library disk and your C Compiler CMDS directory to the ramdisk. You can do that using "dsave" or a command like "dup" supplied with the Spectrum Ramdisk. IF you first make a Library diskette with both the C Library files on it AND a CMDS directory that includes the C Compiler commands. (To do it this way you must have a double sided 40 track format.)

Bill Lathan has a different approach. He says:

(This) lists the procedure file I use when I play around with C. The library is the one I downloaded from CompuServe ... more capability than the one by Microware. Also, CompuServe has CC, an alternative to CC1.

```
t
*
* This is a file to start the C system with
* the libraries on ramdisk, /r0. The LIB
* and DEFS files, normally expected on /d1,
* are first moved to /r0. The new cc from
* CompuServe is loaded. Then, the modified
* command c.prep is loaded as are the nor-
* mal commands c.pass1, c.pass2, c.opt, rma
* and rlink.
*
```

```
echo Use rdisk 24 to set up Ram Disk
echo Copying C LIB files
mkdir /r0/LIB
chd /r0/LIB
Copy #20K /d1/LIB/clip.l clip.l
Copy #20K /d1/LIB/cstart.r cstart.r
echo Copying C DEFS files
mkdir /r0/DEFS
chd /r0/DEFS
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/arg.h arg.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/bool.h bool.h
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Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/module.h module.h
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Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/password.h password.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/phone.h phone.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/scfstat.h scfstat.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/setjmp.h setjmp.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/sets.h sets.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/sgstat.h sgstat.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/sgtty.h sg tty.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/signal.h signal.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/stdio.h stdio.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/string.h string.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/time.h time.h
Copy #20K /d1/DEFS/utime.h utime.h
echo Loading C CMDS into memory
load /d1/cmds/cc
load /d1/cmds_mod/c.prep
load /d1/cmds/c.pass1
load /d1/cmds/c.pass2
load /d1/cmds/c.opt
load /d1/cmds/rma
load /d1/cmds/rlink
link cc
link c.prep
link c.pass1
link c.pass2
link c.opt
link rma
link rlink
echo All C files and commands have been moved
echo Do "chd /r0" for C work
```

Thanks to Bill's listing, you not only know the format for such a transfer of material to a ram disk, but you also know what is contained in the C Library on CompuServe.

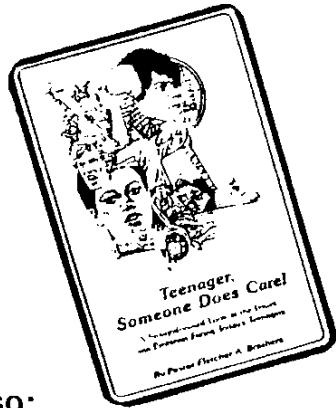
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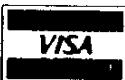
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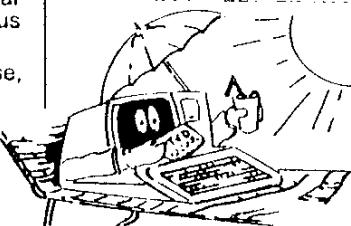
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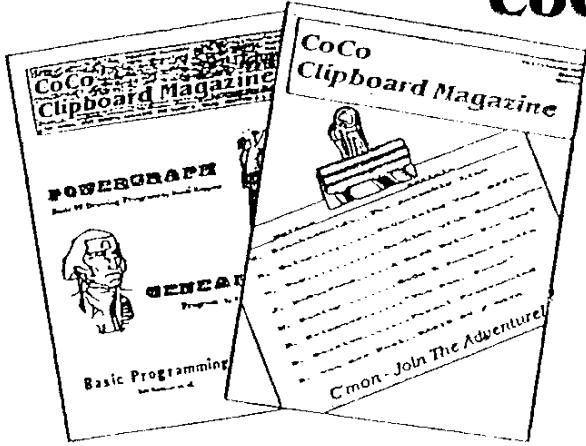
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The Machine Shoppe

Andrew Bartels

Q: What's the difference between JSR and BSR in Assembly language? They seem to do the same thing.

Gene Newkirk
Richmond, Virginia

A: Both JSR and BSR perform the same basic function. It is the way it is accomplished that makes them different. When you use JSR, the ML code for JSR is followed by an absolute address, a pointer to the appropriate address. But BSR works by means of offsets. The BSR code is followed by a one byte offset which is used to point to the correct address. The PC register always holds the address of the next instruction to execute. This one byte offset is added to PC to form the address to branch to. The offset is signed, so you can BSR to any routine within -128 to +127 bytes away from the instruction after the BSR. If the routine you want to BSR to is further away than that, use LBSR, or Long Branch to Subroutine. It is the same as BSR, except it uses a two byte offset for a range from -32768 to +32767, or anywhere in the 64K memory workspace.

Why are there two ways of calling a subroutine? Well, BSR and LBSR are used generally in ML code which may have to be placed in a different location from time to time. Suppose you move a ML program from \$E00 to \$7000. If the program has JSR's in it, the absolute address pointer will still point to the old subroutine address. But with BSR, everything is relative to the PC register, or in other words, the location of the program. The BSR and LBSR offsets will not be wrong, because the program's subroutines will still be the same distance from the BSR point.

But BSR and LBSR are not the only PC relative instructions. A truly position independent program must have ALL references to absolute addresses eliminated and replaced by offsets.

Thus, as you may have guessed, there are ways of using offsets when loading and storing to memory, etc. Please see Bill Barden's book entitled TRS-80 Color Computer Assembly Language Programming, pages 223-225 for a more thorough explanation about relative addressing.

Q: I am making a program that uses the PMODE4 graphics mode with artifact colors. I want to

make sure the colors come out right when the title screen is displayed. Sometimes the colors are reversed. Is there some kind of value I can store in an address to get the colors to come out right?

James Perry,
Louisville, KY

A: No. There isn't anything like that which can do the trick, unfortunately, but there is another way commonly used on Machine Language programs using the PMODE4 screens.

You've seen it, I'm sure. It's a color test. The PMODE4 screen pops up, with red or blue, and a message telling the user to press reset if it is not red. When the user gets the computer to reset with the screen red, he presses <ENTER>. The following listing is one such color test routine. It was written with Disk EDTASM. This program was copyrighted, but I am giving you (and all other CoCo Clipboard subscribers) permission to use it in your programs, provided you place a small note in them that John S. Rullo and I wrote the routine. Just add this code to your Assembly source (use your own ORG statement, and replace line 500 with a JMP or BRA to the start of your program). If you want, you can use it in a BASIC program by CLEAR 200,&H6FFF, loading it, and executing it. I hope this cures the trouble.

The Color Test Listing:

```
00100 *COLOR TEST ROUTINE
00110 *BY ANDREW B. BARTELS
00120 *AND JOHN S. RULLO
00130 *THANKS FOR HELPING, JOHN
00140 *COPYRIGHT (C) 1986
00150 POLCAT EQU $A000
00160 MODE EQU $FFC0
00170 VDGPIA EQU $FF22
00180 OFFSET EQU $FFC6
00190 STPGE1 EQU $0E00
00200 ENPGE4 EQU $2600
00210 ORG $7000
00220 START PULS X
00230 STX $200
00240 JSR RESET
00250 PMODE LDX #MODE
00260 STA ,X
00270 STA 3,X
```

00280	STA	5,X
00290	LDA	VDGPIA
00300	ORA	#\$F8
00310	STA	VDGPIA
00320 PAGE	LDX	#OFFSET
00330	STA	1,X
00340	STA	3,X
00350	STA	5,X
00360	STA	6,X
00370	STA	8,X
00380	STA	10,X
00390	STA	12,X
00400 PCLS	LDX	#STPGE1
00410	LDD	#\$5555
00420 CLEAR	STD	,++
00430	CMPX	#ENPGE4
00440	BNE	CLEAR
00450 KEY	JSR	[POLCAT]
00460	BEQ	KEY
00470 FIXIT	LDX	JUMP
00480	STX	\$168
00490	LDX	\$200
00500	TFR	X,PC
00510 JUMP	FDB	\$0
00520 RESET	LDX	\$168
00530	STX	JUMP
00540	LDX	#PMODE
00550	STX	\$168
00560	RTS	
00570	END	START

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50 PCLEAR4:CLEAR200,&H6FFF
60 FORX=&H7000 TO &H7056:READA$#
70 POKE X,VAL("&H"+A$):NEXT
80 EXEC&H7000'CALL RESET RTN
90 PRINT"COLOR TEST DONE..."
100 DATA 35,10,BF,2,0,BD,70,4A
110 DATA 8E,FF,C0,A7,84,A7,03
120 DATA A7,05,B6,FF,22,8A,F8
130 DATA B7,FF,22,8E,FF,C6,A7
140 DATA 1,A7,3,A7,5,A7,6,A7,8
150 DATA A7,A,A7,C,8E,E,0,CC,55
160 DATA 55,ED,81,8C,26,0,26,F9
170 DATA AD,9F,A0,0,27,FA,BE,70
180 DATA 48,BF,1,68,BE,2,0,1F
190 DATA 15,0,0,BE,1,68,BE,70
200 DATA 48,8E,70,8,BF,1,68,39

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Modular Programming

Boisy Petre

Editors Note: We're very pleased to welcome Boisy to our pages. Boisy is a recent high school graduate who comes to us with high recommendations from his teachers and several academic awards.

"What in the world is a column on Disk BASIC doing in a serious-oriented magazine like CoCo Clipboard?" Some people have the misconception that Disk BASIC is just a mix-n-match of ROM code worth little value. They would rather stick with serious things like OS-9 and BASIC09. I must agree on the basis that OS-9 and BASIC09 are very serious, and bring a lot of power out of our CoCo. But let me ask, "How many people want to do serious things with their Color Computer, but not at the expense of learning OS-9 or BASIC09?"

This column is not another merry-go-round tutorial on PMODE graphics or CIRCLE statements. The standard we are enforcing is rigid program structure and good programming design. Once we establish and learn these principles, we can proceed to tap into the seriousness of Disk BASIC.

In this issue we will begin by introducing you to the concept of "modular design." Modular design is a method used by programmers not only in BASIC, but in other high-level languages. Modular design gives us a foundation where we can start to build our structure -- the program. Let's get a true blue definition on modular design in Pitre-speak:

MODULAR DESIGN - A structured programming concept where a program is divided into several parts (based on its overall content) in order for the programmer to more efficiently develop and test his/her work.

Planning plays a vital role in modular design. Writing a program isn't something I just sit down and do. I've been known to drive great ideas to the grave by being in such a hurry to "try it out" on my CoCo that I became "lost in the code" and, out of frustration, never attempted to try again. I am sure we've all been in this scenario: leaned over our CoCo at 2 in the morning with a huge question mark dangling over our head, trying to figure out what we did wrong because we didn't take out time to plan. Good ideas die quickly without organization.

Enough negative thought -- let's begin our venture! First we will examine the "whys" of modular design. I've listed just a few

below:

- IT GIVES THE PROGRAMMER A "STANDARD" TO GO BY. You can come back 5 months later to an old program and make a patch or kill a bug because of the organized structure you used throughout your work.

- IT ENDORSES "PROGRAMMER FRIENDLINESS". Other programmers can modify portions of your program (that is if you want them to) easier and with less effort than searching through mounds of code scrolling on the screen.

- IT GIVES YOUR PROGRAM A NEAT APPEARANCE. Your listings will be easier to follow while you study them and less hard to search through while debugging.

- IT CUTS DOWN ON LOST-TIME. You are more likely to recover sneaky bugs (and with less time) if you use modular design.

Sounds like programmer's heaven, doesn't it? I tell you, using modular programming in your work REALLY makes a difference! I could go on, instance after instance, on how much time and effort I have saved by not hurriedly typing in something on my CoCo. It may take a little more effort than just sitting down and typing, but it is definitely worth the end results.

There are as many methods of modular design as there are Rolls-Royces, but we will study only one -- the TOP-DOWN design. This particular modular design structure will follow the rules outlined below:

- REMARK statements will be used liberally.

- Lines 0-99 will be the INITIALIZATION module.

- Lines 100-39999 will be the MAIN PROGRAM module.

- Lines 40000-49999 will be the ERROR TRAP module.

- Lines 50000-59999 will be the SUBROUTINE module.

- Lines 60000-63999 will be the DATA module.

For this issue, we will study the INITIALIZATION, MAIN PROGRAM, and DATA modules. We will cover the remaining modules in

The Wegert Report

Steve Wegert

With the continual crossover from the CoCo Forum into the world of OS9, forum members find themselves at a loss for a terminal program that allows for the proper handling of OS9 files. Right off the bat you have the problem of file format. Add to that the annoyances encountered with the inevitable XMODEM padding found at the end of most files transferred in that manner and improper handling of linefeeds and you're looking at quite a challenge when downloading files from CompuServe.

Certainly you can use your favorite <fill-in-the blank> term program to download an OS9 file, use some type of conversion utility to convert it into the proper format, use yet another utility to strip the padding and linefeed trash but c'mon folks, let's get real. After the second pass through this forest of endurance you're fast checking your pulse and wonder about the always-present-yet-never-in-sight "better way".

OS9 FORUM ANNOUNCES IntroDisk (r)

Much the same way Mikeyterm has become the 'standard' terminal program for the CoCo Forum, for a nominal charge to help defray media, printing and handling cost, the folks behind the OS9 forum now bring you "The OS9 Forum's IntroDisk (r)".

Along with utilities to assist with your OS9 file management and a few general help files on using the forum, on this disk is STERM — "A Simple Terminal Program" written by Mark Griffith [76070,41]. Full 'C' source is included.

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NEW MENUS IN LIBRARIES

With the coming of the new forum software, a better, more intuitive menu structure appeared and navigating the forum's libraries is a snap!

Choosing item 3, LIBRARIES (Files) from the CoCo Forum main menu, you'll be presented with this panel:

The CoCo Forum Libraries Menu

Libraries Available:

- 1 Reference Library
- 2 Graphics
- 3 Games
- 4 Music
- 5 Orchestra-90
- 6 Telecommunications
- 7 CoCo BBS Systems
- 8 Application/Utility
- 9 OpSystems/Languages
- 10 Hardware/Technical
- 11 CoCo 3
- 12 The Soapbox
- 13 Products / Reviews
- 14 Private Classifieds
- 15 Clubs / Newsletters

The titles are self describing and should give you a good idea of what's contained behind doors 1 through 15.

Choosing door number 1, Reference Library, brings up another action panel to work with:

The CoCo Forum Library 1

Reference Library

- 1 BROWSE thru files
- 2 DIRECTORY of files
- 3 UPLOAD a new file
- 4 DOWNLOAD a File
- 5 LIBRARIES

For a quick look at what files are available in this 'room' of the library, asking for a DIRECTORY of files will list, in last-in-first-out order, the file name, upload date, file size and number of access for each submission:

Keywords: ASCII TEXT
TRANSCRIPT CO CONFERENCE DENNIS
SKALA PROGRAMMING
USING OS9

This is the edited transcript of the CoCo Forum's Conference on June 11, 1988, with guest Dennis Skala. The topic was "Programming and Using OS9".

Press <CR> for next or type CHOICES !

Notice that the same information presented in a DIRECTORY is duplicated during a browse but additional facts such as the keywords and file description are now included. This bit of extra data should give you a good idea of what the file is about. It's always a good idea to look at the file description as many times the submitter will include instructions for its use as well as instruction files if needed.

Thumping the <Enter> key will bring up the next selection of your search, asking for

CHOICES presents the disposition panel:

The CoCo Forum Library Disposition

- 1 READ this file
- 2 DOWNLOAD this file
- 3 RETURN to library menu

Again, some very obvious choices. Option 1 allows for online reading of a text file. Option 3 gets you out of trouble. Number 2 is the choice we need:

Library Protocol Menu

Transfer protocols available -

- 1 XMODEM (MODEM7) protocol
- 2 CompuServe 'B' protocol
- 3 CompuServe 'A' protocol
- 4 DC4/DC2 CAPTURE protocol
- 5 Kermit protocol
- 6 CompuServe Quick 'B' protocol

0 Abort transfer request

CompuServe supports several transfer protocols. Most terminal programs will support one, if not several, of the ones listed above. It is recommended that a transfer protocol be used any time data integrity is an issue. If your terminal program supports it, B protocol is highly recommended for use on CompuServe. It's fast, transfers only what's in the file (no padding as found in XMODEM transfers) and fully supported by CompuServe.

Uploading is just as simple. Choose the appropriate menu item from the Library panel and the system will prompt you for all the needed information:

File name: TEST.TXT
Library Protocol Menu

Transfer protocols available -

- 1 XMODEM (MODEM7) protocol
- 2 CompuServe 'B' protocol
- 3 CompuServe 'A' protocol
- 4 DC4/DC2 CAPTURE protocol
- 5 Kermit protocol
- 6 CompuServe Quick 'B' protocol

0 Abort transfer request

Look familiar? It's very similar to the procedure to download files. Choose the protocol of your choice and the system takes over and issues prompts for the file name and file type. Specify accordingly.

File name for your computer: mvdev.txt

Transfer types available -

- 1 ASCII
- 2 Binary
- 3 Image
- 4 Graphic:RLE
- 5 Graphic:NAPLPS
- 6 Graphic:GIF

Enter choice !

At this point, refer to the instructions that came with your terminal program on initiating file transfers. Some require a manual start while others are automatic. As always, should you have some confusion, leave a note to the SYSOP in the forum you're visiting. Include information on your systems set up (disk, tape, terminal program) and exactly what you're having difficulty with. Someone will get back to you.

NEW SECTION LEADER ON COCO

Recently, Dave Jenkins [72756,2213] has joined the staff of the CoCo Forum as BBS Section Leader. Dave holds a BS in Radio/TV and Journalism from Ball State University as well as an AS in Digital Electronics. Presently, he's employed with WNIN-TV/FM Channel 9 as an Engineer for the PBS employed in Evansville, IN.

Dave also is the sysop for a local BBS celebrating it's one year anniversary. The Disk Bank runs 24 hours at 300/1200 baud and can be reached at (812) 422-4821. Expect to see Library 7 cleaned up post haste and some straight answers to your COBBS questions.

CLIPBOARD CONFERENCES CONTINUE

On the second Saturday of each month, Dan Robins and Ted Paul host the monthly "Clipboard Conference". Guest speakers are invited to speak on a variety of topics. These conferences have generally lasted an hour and are kept moving by a moderator. Join us! Transcripts are made available in Library 1 of the CoCo Forum for those that can't attend.

File Name	Guest	Topic
2-13CO.TXT	Robins/Paul	The CoCo and the Press
3-12CO.TXT	Caley/DeStefano/Paul	The CoCo,

Databases and Small Businesses

4-09CO.TXT Bob van der Poel
TeleWriter-128
0611CO.TXT Dennis Skala
and Using OS9
0709CO.TXT David Wiens
Controller, a Comparison

STATE OF THE LIBRARIES

Music and Graphics seem to be the heavy hitters on the CoCo Forum. Recently uploaded files include several digitized screens from Larry Miller [70721,3351]. CYCLPS.MGE, the cyclops from the movie Krull, KAHN.MGE, from the Star Trek character of the same name, NORRIS.MGE, that all around Martial arts fun-guy, and PRSEUS.MGE, the warrior Perseus can be found in the Graphics Library.

John Renfro Davis [74046,757] has been busy uploading a host of favorites to the ORCH-90 Library. BAGPIP.A85, is "Bagpipe Album" 13 bagpipe tunes, KODA.A85, "Kodachrome" by Paul Simon, MORGAN.A85, "Morning Morgantown" by Joni Mitchell, OLBNY.A85, "Only Living Boy In New York" by Paul Simon, JRTOLK.A85, "Songs from Middle Earth" by J.R.R. Tolkien and Donald Swann, DANGLE.A85, "The Dangling Conversation" by Paul Simon, KQUEEN.A85, "Killer Queen" by Freddy Mercury of Queen, and MOTHER.A85, "Mother and Child Reunion" by Paul Simon, are now resting comfortably in Library 5 along with the efforts of Robbie Booth [70721,531], who brings us INTIME.A85, "Somewhere In Time" by John Barry and OVERB.A85, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow".

In the Applications Library, Fred McDonald [72667,3506] offers a series of files making up a Search utility that locates GOTO's in BASIC code. Look for Applications, SEARCH.NO1, SEARCH.NO2, and SEARCH.NO3.

Dennis Tomlinson [76515,2605] posts SUPERC.BAS, a disk cataloger. Specific to the CoCo 3 and in Library 11 we find Robert Pierce [76257,143] uploading DSKEDT.BIN. This is an early version of a subroutine used in the "DISKBUSTER" Disk Utility. Kent Baumgardt [72207,2650] has uploaded three CoCoMax 3 graphics for our viewing pleasure. Those without CoCoMax3 can use the CM3VUE utility for a looksee. X-29.CM3, The Grumman Aerospace aircraft with Forward Swept Wings, HELLIPI.CM3, and acutaway diagram of the Hellfire laser-guided missile.

Bob van der Poel [76510,2203] helps make the switch from RSDOS with DUALDO.B09, a short BASIC09 routine to create a RS-DOS directory with 34 granules on an OS9 formatted disk. Kevin Darling [76703,4227] posts MAX9.AR. This graphics editor for L-II windows edits and creates VEF pictures. DEFEND.AR is the title screen from Amiga's Defender of the Crown game. Painstakingly edited to be viewed using the Wpix palette-switching program (or the latest Vefio program - hit spacebar).

And you heard it first at the Chicago Rainbowfest. PLAY.AR is a sound player quickie. It can play Mac, Amiga whatever sound files that are digitized data. Use with the following files:

DAVIDL.PLA/binary
[72300,1433]
CANTDO.SND/binary
[73135,1204]
BEATLE.PLA/binary
[72300,1433]
BRIDGE.PLA/binary
[76703,4255]
DSRUPT.PLA/binary
[76703,4255]
FIRE.PLA/binary
[76703,4255]
GENQTR.PLA/binary
[76703,4255]
KIRK.PLA/binary
[76703,4255]
MYGOD.PLA/binary
[76703,4255]
PHASER.PLA/binary
[76703,4255]
SCOTTY.PLA/binary
[76703,4255]
SPOCK.PLA/binary
[76703,4255]

Be sure to check out the Library Announcement found in each forum for the most current information on the libraries.

And here we are at the end of another column. Drop me a note on CompuServe and tell me what you'd like to see in future articles. I can be reached either on the CoCo Forum or OS9 and via EasyPlex at 76703,4255.



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What's In A Date

Bob van der Poel

No doubt you've all seen programs which print out calendars. For many of us, that's the only date related function we've ever seen on a computer. But dates are much more complex than a calendar printing program lets on. Before continuing, see if you can answer these questions WITHOUT looking at a calendar:

1. How many days are there between August 3, 1988 and July 15, 1991?

1a. If I borrow \$100.00 from you on January 1, 1989 and pay it back to you on July 3, 1989 and I've agreed to pay you simple interest on the loan at 12%, how much do I owe you?

2. What date falls 120 days after June 3, 1988?

2a. If I borrow \$100.00 from you on June 3, 1988 and agree to pay you back in 120 days, when is the loan due?

Tough questions! Hopefully some BASIC09 subroutines will help with the answers. But before that, one more question: What date falls one month after March 31? Is it February 28? I don't know either, but perhaps a logical reader will help us out by defining exactly what a month is and what we mean by "after."

The key to the date subroutines presented this month is a concept known as the Julian day number. Simply defined, Julian day numbers are the number of days since a base date. According to one of my sources, true Julian dates as used by astronomers are based on noon January 1, 4713 B.C. as day 0.

The advantage of this scheme is that by converting two different dates to Julian day numbers we can now do simple arithmetic on them. And, of course, we can then convert the new day number back to a date.

Note: Julian day numbers have nothing to do with the Julian calendar. The Julian calendar was the predecessor to the Gregorian calendar we use today. This calendar was

adopted on September 14, 1752. Even though the routines will calculate dates prior to September 14, 1752 these dates must be treated as "imaginary" since the current Gregorian calendar was not in use prior to this date.

Presented at the end of this article are four conversion routines:

Date_Jul converts a date to a Julian day number,

Jul_Date converts a Julian day number to a date,

DayOfYear finds the day of year of a date,

ZelConv finds the day of week of a date.

When typing in these programs do not type in the hexadecimal numbers in the first column. These are not line numbers--they are the I-Code addresses of the program lines and are printed by BASIC09 when a listing is done. Also, be very careful that the correct number of parentheses are included. The math in the routines is very complex. Fortunately, we don't have to understand it to use it.

Now let's return to our first question. The following program will prompt you for two dates. *Elasped* converts both dates to a Julian day number; by subtracting J1 from J2 it is a trivial matter to calculate the number of days between the two dates.

PROCEDURE Elasped

DIM Date,Month,Year,J1,J2:REAL

INPUT "Enter 1st date (dd,mm,yyyy):"
",Date,Month,Year

RUN Date_Jul(Date,Month,Year,J1)

INPUT "Enter 2nd date
(dd,mm,yyyy):",Date,Month,Year

When you write be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. We would like an idea that a CoCo 2 can utilize as well as a CoCo 3. We'll announce the idea and the program developed from it, in the next issue.

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0 '***** INITIALIZATION *****'
1 '
2 '
3 '      MODULAR DESIGN
4 '      TUTOR PROGRAM
5 '      BY: BOISY PITRE
6 '      COCO CLIPBOARD
7 'SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1988 ISSUE
8 '
9 'NOTE: THIS PROGRAM IS A
   SUPPLEMENT TO THE
   ARTICLE, NOT A
   REPLACEMENT.
10 '*** SET-UP ***
20 PCLEAR 1
30 CLEAR 3000
100 '***** MAIN PROGRAM *****'
110 CLS
115 '*** SET UP TITLE ***'
120 PRINT@ 201,"MODULAR DESIGN"
130 PRINT@ 234,"TUTOR PROGRAM"
140 PRINT@ 297,"BY: BOISY PITRE"
150 '* INTRODUCTORY SONG *'
160 PLAY "03L7T4CDEEEEFEP5DDDDP
P5CCCCDL3CL2D"
170 '*** MESSAGE SCREEN ***'
180 CLS
190 PRINT"      A MESSAGE TO Y
OU
200 PRINT:PRINT "'MODULAR DESIGN
   TUTOR' IS THE SUPPLEMENT TO A
   N ARTICLE IN THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOB
ER 1988 ISSUE OF COCO CLIPBOARD.
   WE SUGGEST YOU USE THIS PROGRA
M IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ARTICL
E. FOR BACK ISSUE INFORMATI
ON, WRITE TO:" :PRINT
210 FOR Y=1 TO 4:READ M$:PRINT T
AB((31-LEN(M$))/2)M$:NEXT
220 PLAY" L7T4O4DEFFFFGFP5EEEEFEP
5DDDDDEL3DL2C
230 FOR K=1 TO 5000:NEXT
250 '*** TUTOR MENU ***'
260 CLS
270 PRINT TAB(43)"TUTOR MENU"
280 PRINT@136,"1-INITIALIZATION"
290 PRINT@200,"2-MAIN PROGRAM"
300 PRINT@264,"3-ERROR TRAP"
310 PRINT@328,"4-SUBROUTINES"
320 PRINT@392,"5-DATA"
330 PRINT@456,"6-END PROGRAM"
350 '*** MENU INPUT ***'
360 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN360
370 ON VAL(A$) GOTO 1000,2000,30
00,4000,5000,6000
380 GOTO 360
1000 '*** CHOICE 1 ***'
1001 'INITIALIZATION'
1010 CLS
1020 PRINT"      PART ONE-INITIAL
IZATION
1030 PRINT"      LINE RANGE:0
-99

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1040 PRINT:PRINT" THE INITIALIZ
ATION MODULE IS MAKES UP THE FI
RST 100 LINES OF YOUR PROGRAM.
IT IS THE SET-UP PART OF YOUR PR
OGRAM. COMMANDS SUCH AS pclear,
clear, AND dim SHOULD BE USED
HERE." :PRINT:PRINT" YOU MAY ALS
O DEFINE STRING ANDNUMERI
1999 PRINT@490,"PRESS A KEY:";:E
XEC34442:GOTO 250
2000 '*** CHOICE 2 ***'
2001 'MAIN PROGRAM'
2010 CLS
2020 PRINT" PART TWO-MAIN PR
OGRAM
2030 PRINT" LINE RANGE:100-3
9999
2040 PRINT
2050 PRINT" THE MAIN PROGRAM MO
DULE IS THE LARGEST MODULE, COVER
ING 39990 LINES. THIS MODULE C
ONTAINS THE 'MEAT' OF YOUR PROGR
A. PLACE ALL MENUS, CALCULATIO
NS, AND SCREENS IN THIS MODUL
E." :PRINT
2060 PRINT" FOR BETTER ORGANIZA
TION, BREAK YOUR MAIN PROGRAM MO
DULE DOWN INTO SUB-MODULES. US
E remark STATEMENTS LIBERALLY
AND COMMENTS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
2999 PRINT@490,"PRESS A KEY:";:E
XEC34442:GOTO 250
3000 CLS:PRINT"NOT AVAILABLE":PR
INT"PRESS A KEY:";:EXEC34442:GOT
O 250

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00E2    m=Month
00EA    IF m>2 THEN
00EB      m=m-3
00F8    ELSE
0104      m=m+9
0108      y=y-1
0114    ENDIF
0120
0122
0123      c=INT(y/100)
0130      ya=INT(y-100*c)
0141
0142      JulianDate=INT(146097.*c/4)
           +INT(1461.*ya/4)+INT((153.*m+2)/5)+DayOfMonth+1721119.
0185

PROCEDURE Jul_Date
0000
0001      (* BASIC09 Subroutine to
           convert a julian day
           number to
0038      (* a standard date.
004B
004C      (* Based on an algorithm
           by R. G. Tantzen, CACM 199-
           p1-0
0084
0085      (* usage: run_jul_date (
           DayOfMonth, Month, Year,
           JulianDate)
00C2
00C3
00C4      PARAM DayOfMonth,Month,
           Year,JulianDate:REAL
00D7
00D8      DIM JD:REAL
00DF
00E0      JD=JulianDate-1721119.

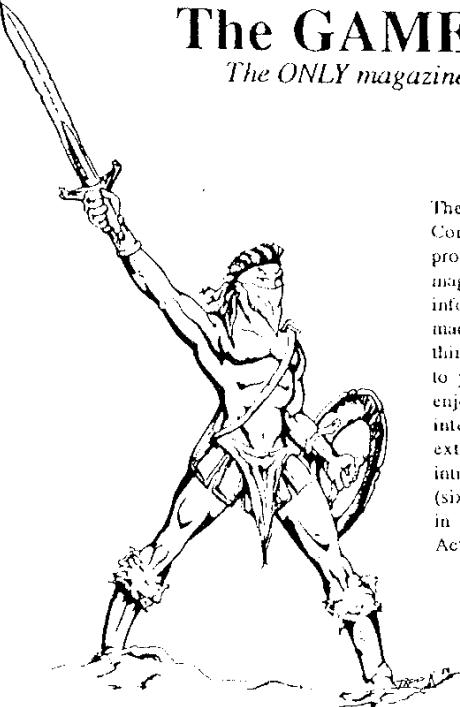
00EF
00F0      Year=INT((4*JD-1)/146097.)
0108      JD=4*JD-1-146097.*Year
0123      DayOfMonth=INT(JD/4)
0130
0131      JD=INT((4*DayOfMonth+3)/
           1461)
0147      DayOfMonth=4*DayOfMonth+3-
           1461*JD
0160      DayOfMonth=INT((DayOfMonth+
           4)/4)
0171
0172      Month=INT((5*DayOfMonth-3)/
           153)
0187      DayOfMonth=5*DayOfMonth-3-
           153*Month
019F      DayOfMonth=INT((DayOfMonth+
           5)/5)
01B0
01B1      Year=100*Year+JD
01C1      IF Month<10 THEN
01CE          Month=Month+3
01DA      ELSE
01DE          Month=Month-9
01EA          Year=Year+1
01F6      ENDIF
01F8

PROCEDURE ZelConv
0000
0001      (* Calculate the day of
           week for a given date.
002F
0030      (* Based on a Fortran
           algorithm by J. Douglas
           Robertson
0067      (* Published in CACM, 398-
           p1-r1
0086      Continued On 48

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the next issue. Right now, type in Listing 1. As you type, compare it's structure to the guidelines above. Think about ideas you can use in implementing these guidelines in your work.

After typing Listing 1, save it as MODTUTOR.BAS on a good, dependable disk. Although part of the listing is missing, it will still run. The rest of the listing will appear in the next issue for the simple fact that their modules are not covered here. Let's go over the INITIALIZATION, MAIN PROGRAM, and DATA modules now.

USING REMARKS

If you like me, you are more a conservative type. If anyone hates to use REMARKS in their program, it is I. Yet, it is important to practice liberal usage of REMARK placement throughout your programs. It will help you in the long run and will save you much hectic searching.

THE INITIALIZATION MODULE -- LINES 0-99

The INITIALIZATION module is used to "set-up" or initialize your CoCo. This varies from program to program, but such commands as CLEAR, PCLEAR, DIM, and other initialization associated keywords are used here. Also, string and numeric variable assignments can be put here. The main thing to remember is this: 1) PCLEAR must ALWAYS come first, followed by 2) the CLEAR statement, then 3) the DIMENSIONING of arrays. Variable assignments may then follow, along with any other set up routines you may use. I usually place important POKEs in this area. Also, CoCo 3 owners should use the ON BRK GOTO and ON ERR GOTO statements here.

THE MAIN PROGRAM MODULE -- LINES 100-39999

The MAIN PROGRAM module will almost always be the largest module of your program. It contains all the "meat" of the program: menus, inputs, calculations, etc. If you really want to be organized, the MAIN PROGRAM module can be divided even further into "sub-modules" for input/output, menu handling, and other things. We won't be using sub-modules for the sake of keeping program structure non-complicated.

It is at this point where most "on-the-spur" programmers begin to type -- and I might add, fail to finish. It's like jumping in the middle of a calculus class without knowing the prerequisites. I'd rather have a right start than a head start.

THE DATA MODULE -- LINES 60000-63999

The DATA module, by rule, is the last module of the program. It contains information in the form of DATA statements. Notice that line 63999 is the highest line you can type a BASIC statement on. However, the 4000 lines you have is more than adequate for DATA statement storage.

You probably noticed in MODTUTOR that the first line of each module has the module name surrounded by asterisks. It is a good idea to highlight the module's name for easy locating while it is scrolling up the screen. Otherwise, just type LIST and the line range for the module and you'll hit it every time. Also, get in the habit of documenting your program first thing in the INITIALIZATION module. I usually type the name of the program, my name, the date it was created, and the version (when a version is applicable).

Well folks, that is it for this month. I suggest sitting down and studying the top-down method of modular design. Practice implementing it in your future programming projects. And don't feel restricted by the line numbers. If you need more room then use it, just make a mental note, or better yet, buy a legal pad and keep it next to your CoCo. When you get to an important line or command, jot down the line number. Keep track of RENUMs and DELs. If you follow the guidelines, I can assure you that your programs will be much more efficient.

Finally, starting the issue after next, we will do a programming project based on the principles of modular design. We would like to have some input from you, our readers, on an idea for a SERIOUS program. We don't want an idea too big, or one too small. Give it some thought and drop a line to me c/o CoCo Clipboard Magazine, 3742 U.S. 20, Box 3, Fredonia, NY 14063

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RUN Date_Jul(Date,Month,Year,J2)
PRINT "There are "; FIX(J2-J1); "days between
these 2 dates."

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And as to the money I owe, it's just a matter of putting the number of days into the formula:

$$\text{Int} = \text{days}/365 * \text{rate} * \text{amount}.$$

Our next question involves calculating a date X days from a given date. The program *InXdays* prompts for a date and the number of days. Again, *Date_Jul* is called to convert the date to a Julian day number; next the number of days are added; and the result is converted back to a date via *Jul_Date*.

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PROCEDURE InXdays
DIM Date,Month,Year,Offset,J1:REAL
INPUT "Enter the 'current' date (dd,mm,yyyy):",
      ",Date,Month,Year
INPUT "Enter the number of days: ",Offset
RUN Date_Jul(Date,Month,Year,J1)
RUN Jul_Date(Date,Month,Year,J1+Offset)
PRINT USING "'The new date is
',i3,',',i3,',',i5"; Date,Month,Year

```

The next tool in our package of date algorithms is *ZelCong* (Zeller's Congruence). This routine will be most helpful for people wanting to write calendar programs, but it is also useful in data processing programs which need to know which day a particular date falls upon. For example, if you are setting up a loan you may not want the due date to fall on a Sunday. By way of an example the following little program displays the first date of the first Sunday in a given year.

```

PROCEDURE Sunday
DIM Date,Month,Year,DayOfWeek:REAL
INPUT "Enter the year: ",Year Month=1
FOR Date=1 TO 31
RUN ZelCong(Date,Month,Year,DayOfWeek)
EXITIF DayOfWeek=0 THEN
PRINT "January "; FIX(Date); " is the 1st

```

Sunday in "; Year

ENDEXIT

NEXT Date

The numbers of the days returned by *ZelCong* are 0 to 6, where 0 is Sunday, 1 is Monday, etc.

The last routine is *DayOfYear*. This calculates the day number of any date in a year with January 1 being day 1 and December 31 being day 365 (or in a leap year, 366).

PROCEDURE DofYtest

DIM Date,Month,Year,Day:REAL

INPUT "Enter date (dd,mm,yyyy):",
 ",Date,Month,Year

RUN DayOfYear(Date,Month,Year,Day)

PRINT "This is the "; FIX(Day); " day of the
year."

I've tested all of the above routines with many different dates and found them to be very reliable. All of them properly compensate for leap years. Those of you interested in pursuing this concept further may be interested in the following references:

1. Collected Algorithms from CACM. In particular see 199 and 398.
2. King, Gordon. "Julian Dates for Microcomputers." Dr. Dobb's Journal, Number 80, June 1983.
3. "Julian and Gregorian Calendars; Leap Year." The World Almanac & Book of Facts, Newspaper Enterprise Association, Inc.

PROCEDURE Date_Jul

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0000          (* Basic09 subroutine to
0001          convert a date to a julian
0002          day number.
0040          0041          (* Based on algorithm by
0041          R. G. Tantzen, CACM 199-p1-
0042          0
0076          0077          (* usage: run date_jul
0077          (dayofmonth,month,year,
0077          julianvalue)
00B1
00B2
00B3          PARAM DayOfMonth,Month,
00B3          Year,JulianDate:REAL
00C6
00C7          DIM y,mc,ya:REAL
00DA          y=Year

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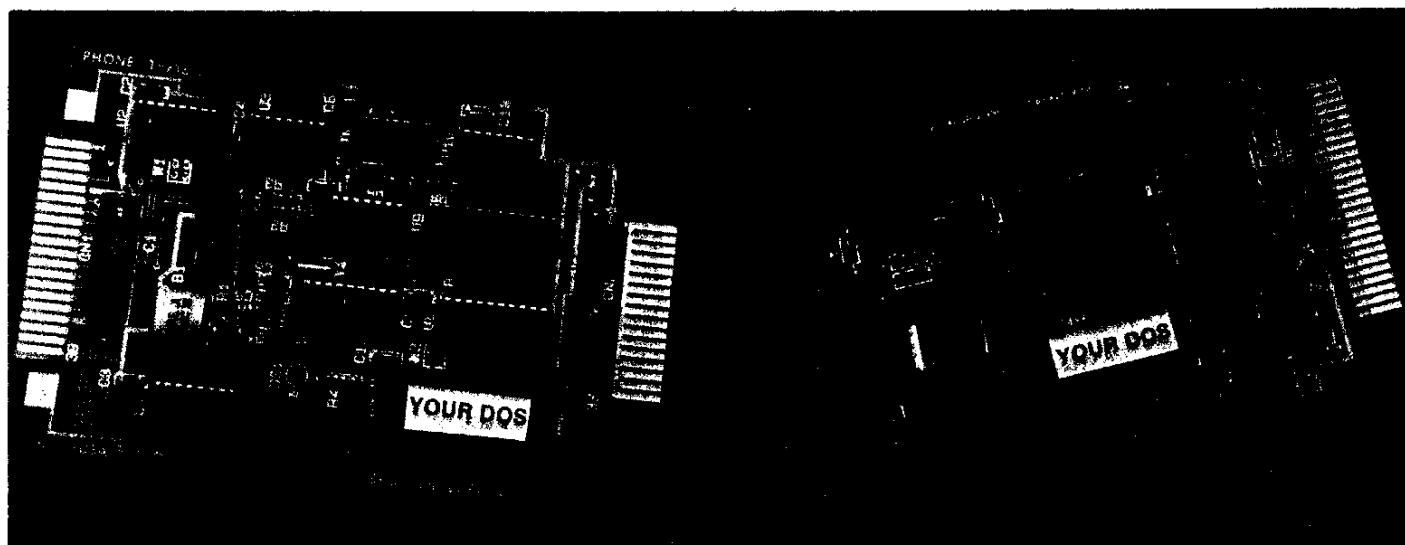
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